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Dear Praying Friends,

It was a great blessing to accompany Brother Alan Brooks and Brother Mickey Schrimshire on the Papua New Guinea Bible Distribution trip during the month of May. The PNG Bible project is a direct result of the Fiji Bible Project that Brother Brooks directed from 2011-2014. It was due to the Fiji Bible Project that our family surrendered to go to Fiji as missionaries. It is amazing to see how God uses people and circumstances to accomplish the spread of His Gospel to the World.

The trip was full of adventures, laughs and blessings. We had a few hiccups in our travels to reach PNG, but these stops allowed us to meet several people and share the Gospel with them. Once we arrived we had to wait several days to receive our luggage!

On our first Sunday, I was able to preach at one of the churches in Port Moresby. That Thursday a group of us flew to Lae where we distributed Bibles in two schools. In each school we began with a gospel presentation before we personally handed out a Bible to each student.

All of us men were able to preach in local churches during our time in Lae. Afterwards the group flew back to Port Moresby to rest and regroup. While we were there we were able distributed Bibles in two schools before we flew out to Mt. Hagen.

Once in Mt Hagen, we loaded up into trucks filled with Bible and began our eight hour drive into the "Highlands." We were able to visit two schools on the first day. That night we slept at an old mission up in the mountains with limited water and no electricity. The next morning we ate a simple breakfast of local fruit before we began the return trip.

We stopped at multiple schools on the way to present the Gospel and distributing Bibles. We left some Bible with a few Christian men to take into more remote areas later. Once back in Mt. Hagen we rested up before our flight back to Port Moresby.

The night before flying out of Mt. Hagen, we went out for dinner. A gentleman walked into the restaurant, and Brother Brooks recognized him and got up to greet him. After speaking with him for a few minutes, Brother Brooks returned to our table to inform us that the gentleman would be joining us. This gentleman turned out to be the Attorney General of PNG! It's always amazing how God works things out to lead certain people into our paths.

We spent one more Sunday at the church in Port Moresby before we began our trip back to the States. Thankfully we had a relatively easy trip back to Chattanooga. Throughout the trip we were able to distribute over 8,000 Bibles and give a Gospel presentation to many more!

After a few days to rest and recover from jet lag, our family returned to Puerto Rico. We spent the remainder of June jumping back into our work and ministry at Maranatha.

It's been a blessing to see God working here in Puerto Rico. We have been able to see a few people saved during our Saturday visitation!

In Prayer for Puerto Rico,
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