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Dear Friends,

In February 2015 Chris Wakuri submitted these prayer requests and thanksgivings to Penny: 1) The Lord has answered my prayers; “poison” (sorcery) and *sanguma* (use of sorcery to kill people) did not come close to my house when we lived and taught in Kagiru in 2014. 2) Thank you to God for watching over us personally and over the work we were doing there. 3) Margaret and I thank God that he is giving a good academic education to our children. 4) Thank you for the guitar. It is a blessing in the church and in our home. I often sing a song before bedtime, then pray and go to sleep. 5) Pray especially for those who have the fear of *poison na sanguma* [that they would be able to overcome the fear of it]. “The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective” (James 5:16). “I believe in this truth.”

Wherever Chris taught, he always gave himself wholeheartedly to teaching the children Bible verses, songs, and the basics of reading writing and arithmetic, with Margaret always right beside him.

One day in Waniap a disgruntled parent came into the classroom brandishing a machete and making straight towards Chris. Most of the children scattered but Chris stood his ground, praying until the knife fell awkwardly out of the man’s hand and he backed off. Once when their youngest son Eli had a violent reaction to some food and when the local clinic could not help him, his parents cried out to God and Eli recovered. At that time Chris said, “For this reason my heart is filled with praise to God our Father for his good protection of my family.”

In 2008 Margaret began experiencing erratic pain in her right side; it didn’t seem too concerning. But in late 2009 while Chris was teaching in Yapram, it hit with a vengeance. In the dead of night Chris found a motor and a canoe to start the two-day trip to the hospital on the coast where doctors removed her appendix. From February to May 2010 when unusually prolonged flood waters prevented PIM teachers from being at their schools, Chris tenderly cared for Margaret in their home village of Oum until she was back to normal.

In Chris’ July report this year he was full of praise to God for the “big miracle that happened to my wife and me.” On June 6 at 11:55 pm they were in deep sleep under their mosquito nets in Moropote when lightning struck their house. Everything was burned up including the hardwood posts, but they escaped.



Two months later Chris took Margaret to the Wewak hospital because of swelling in her stomach. The doctors diagnosed her with inoperable cancer and sent them back to their village.

Chris says, “PIM is reaching out into all the remote villages. Thank you to God for giving me the privilege of teaching students the Word of God and for preaching on Sundays. Thank you to Christians in America who stand with us in prayer.”

Chris is an inspiration for us missionaries. We thank the Lord for Chris for being such a quality teacher these past 35 years and pray with him for his dear wife.

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