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Dear Friends,

Christianity does not entitle or guarantee health, wealth, prosperity, or a life of ease in this world. God who is just and loving, the ruler of the universe does graciously bless with many good gifts, yet God is not a mere servant or slave subject to every whim of man.

“We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him and by obeying his will, commands and law.” New City Catechism This is to be true even in the midst of trials or joys.

“Breaking” news moving like a tsunami can overwhelm or discourage. However, we as Christians living in the midst of turbulent times can gain understanding, hope and comfort from the words of Christ in the Bible.

Matthew 24:6 ESV, “And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.”

John 16:33 ESV, “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

“Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; ’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; “from the song Amazing Grace. Nothing will separate us from His love.

Lini, a PIM teacher, recovered from a sickness at the end of Term 3. This is his testimony: “At first I prayed, but when I didn’t heal, I became bitter at God and gave up praying. ‘God, what’s up? I prayed to You and You did not hear me!?’ I was unbelieving. But then I began to think of all the ways God has helped my family and made a way for us in the past. I read Philippians 3:10—‘Press on for the goal of the prize. Forget what lies behind.’” May God’s name be glorified by Lini’s work in this upcoming school year.

The end of the month the Christmas break ends and it is planned to begin the PIM school year. Pray for our teachers working in villages distant from the conveniences available in towns, for protection for their families from illness, for strength when difficulties do arise, and that they be effective in teaching and their witness.

Thankfully as of this month fewer than 10 people in PNG have died of Covid-19. But air travel routes through other countries to PNG have been restricted by the pandemic. We missionaries don’t know when things will open up again for our return and for the other visitors who want to help PIM in PNG. Thankfully, the phones in Ambunti have been working to allow communication with the field.

We are happy to report that PIM carpenters have completed construction of another double classroom for the Ambunti school. New teachers who are daughters of PIM staff and have graduated from teacher colleges will be joining us.

In His Grace,
Douglas Heidema



Sago leaves for a thatched roof