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"And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?" -Luke 16:12

WHAT'S NEW...

❖ We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! We had several families send us gifts, thank you for thinking of and blessing us! It encouraged us greatly! Thank you Bethel (IN) as well for sending us so many gifts! Thank you Journey and Noblesville for lavishing love upon us, a thank you seems so inadequate compared to your gifts!

❖ Please let us know if you would like for us to share with you, your church, or your family, we would love to Skype you! **Skype name:** soldier4onegod.

❖ Seth has been involved in a prison ministry every Wednesday. Preaching in another language is fun and a bit taxing; over 80 men come to the teaching weekly!

❖ **Praise God:** He has provided some new ministries to get involved in! We also go to the bush and assist another missionary as he teaches the book of Acts on Jan. 7th-13th.

❖ **Praise God:** He has *allowed* us to serve **Him** here in PNG and be **your** feet for almost **10 months!**

❖ **Praise God:** God kept us encouraged during over the holidays, although we were away from family. We received many gifts and letters; we were too overwhelmed to be sad- it was nice to have a taste of home.

Prayer Requests:

- **Pray**-For us to be faithful and content in our positions as we eagerly await the time God leads us to the tribe.
- **Pray**-For Seth on Wednesdays as he teaches at the prison ministry.
- **Pray**-For us to be safe, healthy, and ready to serve on our trip (7th-13th).

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Base Christmas Party & We Got Mail!

Holiday Season

This Holiday season was our first one away from home. We are trying to decide what traditions we want to make, and how we want to celebrate this time of year. It was also interesting to watch our neighbours and the other nationals here in town and how they celebrated this season. Many got off work for 1-2 weeks and went back to their "hometown". They would jump on a public motor vehicle for 3-5 hours, and then catch a motor canoe for several hours, and possibly hike even more yet, and that is the "typical" mode of transportation along with the time it takes for most people to go visit family. Since this country is being impacted so greatly by the western world, and catholicism has such a strong grip on everyone's hearts and minds, the word Christmas is used quite frequently. Although, we did not see any manger scenes, nor many christian themed decorations, most don't think of this time to celebrate the Saviour's birth (most don't know the Saviour), they look this as a this time to sleep, eat, be with family, and party. The word "gift" as we know it does not exist in their language, culture, or even worldview.

New Years is truly a different experience here in Wewak compared to the rest of PNG. Since we are so close to Indonesia everyone had fireworks! This time is nothing but one big party with a whole bunch of fireworks! Imagine 5,000 people having fireworks and everyone setting them off for 2 hours from 11pm-1am, good luck trying to sleep! You just have to go outside and enjoy it.

This time really helped us understand the core culture of the PNG people; how many view work, breaks, holidays, and Christmas. WE PRAY you had a Merry CHRISTmas & Happy New Year!! (Rt: Base workers Christmas Party)

for the glory of His name, Seth & Nicole Stokes



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"This is the first thing about God's will: He wants people to be saved." -J.M.