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"Now thanks be to God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ..." -2 Corinthians 2:14

WHAT'S NEW...

❖Our **new look** for our newsletter!

❖**Contact us anytime!** We are 14 hours ahead of EST. Our Skype name is soldier4onegod. We are on Facebook! Also, Facebook Messenger works great as well.

❖We are **adjusting** to our new area and building new friendships, we are also helping in various roles on the base *like*; supply buying, guest housing, and much more.

❖We head to our bush orientation at the end of the month! **Almost done** with our orientation to PNG and the national culture acquisition phase.

❖**Praise God:** read our blog "Word and Deed" and hear the brief story of our friend Cathy; we have a **new sister** in Christ here in PNG, God is working and saving souls.

❖**Praise God**, we have been kept relatively healthy throughout our time here in PNG.

❖**Praise**-There are still many people groups who are **hungry** for God's Word in their own language; there is a filing cabinet full of letters from various tribes asking for a missionary for their people group.

Prayer Requests:

- **Pray**-We can finish our language study in the next month or so.
- **Pray**-God gives us wisdom for our tribal allocation and team formation.
- **Pray**-We finish this stage well, before we are fully engaged into the tribal aspect of our calling.



Keep Track of the Moon

Last Moon

This past moon ("mun"-means month in Tok Pisin) we moved to our new "*permanent*" residence here in PNG. The Sepik region is where God is *currently* leading us, and there are several tribes in this area alone **asking** for a missionary to come and give them God's talk. We learned that there is a filing cabinet full of letters from the various tribes who are asking for the Gospel (we will post a blog about that later). A drawer dedicated to the many asking to know who God is, and yet there are not enough laborers to accomplish this task. We went through orientation and helped/are helping in various ministries, we finally feel a little more settled and started our second week of language learning here this week, we have been out of a groove for a month because of all the transitions.

This Moon

We have a desire to "complete" the next milestone in language learning this month, if you could put a language on a scale from 1-12; 12 meaning you are in the proficient range. After mark 9, you are at a place where you can teach in the language properly, we are both at mark 8, so close to the finish line!

The Two Moons to Follow

At the end July, we will go to "bush orientation" on an island called Biem. We will be there for 4-8 weeks, perfecting our Tok Pisin and learning the process of cross-cultural church planting. The Biem church is currently at a place where the indigenous people are teaching their own people for the first time. So exciting, **please** pray for them!

for the glory of His name,

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"If the Great Commission is true, our plans are not too big; they are too small". -P.M.