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The New Year has started off with a flurry of activity, and we are thrilled to see what the Lord is doing in the ministry here in Papua New Guinea.



In late December, I was invited to preach to all 700 prisoners at Bomana Prison. I stood to preach with my notes on my iPad like normal, and two minutes into the sermon, the sun had overheated my iPad and it shut itself off. Praise the Lord that I was able to continue from memory, which is something I would not have been able to do six months ago. I'm so thankful for the healing God has given. I'll be returning to the Prison the first week of March and I'll be

taking some of our young preachers from the church with me.

The Christian School is going full-blast with the new school year, and we have 127 students this year. I'm continually amazed at the families God has allowed us to partner with, and I'm even more excited as I watch the Gospel impact the lives of the children who then bring their parents to church. On Easter Sunday, Lord willing, I'll be baptising more parents who have trusted the Lord and are joining the church.

We have a fantastic team at Capital City Baptist Church of Port Moresby—Erick Bala, from Central Province, is one of our deacons, and he leads our music and transportation team. The church now uses seven buses to pick up people all over the city on Sunday mornings; and those buses run multiple trips. Phil Parry, an Australian that grew up as a missionary kid in Papua New Guinea and has returned as an employee in a local company, is another one of our deacons, and he leads our youth Bible Studies and monthly teen gatherings. I'm also privileged to have my Dad join us in Port Moresby. He is now leading Baptist Bible Institute of Port Moresby, where we have seven of our church members attending as full-time students. It is hard to believe that just five years ago, Capital City Baptist Church was only "Population seven."

Thank you for being a part of this ministry through your faithful support.

Sincerely,

Matt, Becky, and the girls