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Looking Back

Here are some highlights of our 2020:

- Our 40 ft container of clinic, school, Bible college, and construction materials was shipped from the US and received here, and God provided for the clinic and school supplies to be forwarded on to Kunai.
- We completed our draft of John in the Kamea language and began the draft of Revelation in Kamea.
- God provided new nursing staff for Kunai Health Centre as other nurses rotated back to the US. Thank you to Kyle, Lauren, Chelsea, and Danya for serving! Thank you to Stacie and Becca for coming when it didn't look possible, and for Mary Beth being there through it all!
- We began renovation of our new home & office space in August and moved into the house in November (with just a few things left to be finished out).
- Baptist Bible Institute of Port Moresby (BBIPOM) completed its 1st year with 20 students, covering six courses in spite of lockdowns and power blackouts.
- Dear brethren in Australia provided school materials for the new Christian school at Kunai begun by Sarah Glover this year.

Looking Around

We've been thinking much about our ministry options for the present. Churches here have been able to continue their services and outreaches, with the only real limitation of not being able to hold conferences. Relatively few people in PNG have access to hear or watch a conference online, especially those pastors and churches located in more remote areas. Our national pastors around the nation need the fellowship. The Lord has provided us with much material for pastors and teachers, and we want to get those into their hands as well as have gifted, godly speakers teaching the sessions. Pray with us about the door opening back up for us (and other good churches) to resume hosting conferences.

Looking Ahead

These are the things we have mapped out, Lord willing, for 2021:

- We have applied for a visa for a new nurse coming from Australia—*Pray the Lord will make a way for her.*

- We plan to begin our new term for BBIPOM (2nd year) on 25 January—*Pray the Lord keeps the doors open, and pray for our returning students plus new students who plan to join us.*
- We want to continue our New Testament translation in the Kamea language, doing checks and reviews along the way—*Pray the Lord provides for our village translation team to be able to fly out here to town and to return in a timely manner.*
- We desire to do more outreach and work with our believers—*Pray the Lord helps us to see and to seize the opportunities.*



Most of our 1st Year students

All in all, we want to “follow on to know the Lord” (Hosea 6:3a), and to make Him known among the nations!

None of us knew what 2020 would bring, so when it comes to 2021—or even tomorrow—we say with the Apostle James, “If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.” (James 4:15b)

Thank you for your prayers for us, for our people, and for the Lord's work, and thank you for making it possible that we can do it. Thank you again for allowing us to represent you. Please take time to visit johnallen.ttmk.org to see photos from this year and enjoy what God has done through you as you have stood with us!

Because He Is,

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2 Thessalonians 3:1

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