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For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. — Gal. 5:5

We have been exceedingly blessed by God's mercies here in Papua New Guinea. The year 2020 has been difficult for everyone; however, we have been able to get quite close to "normal" as the year comes to an end. I can only pray it continues as the new year begins.

A few weeks ago, it was a Baptism Sunday to remember! For the previous few weeks, we had been going through a "New Members Class" with folks who were interested in being a part of the church here. Usually, the first class in that course is "What is the Gospel?" We have held that class many times here, and inevitably someone in the class finally grasps the Gospel clearly. This time, for the first time, that did not happen. Instead, every person in the class had a clear testimony of salvation. We moved into the other classes (Baptism, Giving, Covenanting) and the attendees soaked it up from one week to the next. And then it was the Sunday morning for baptism. I did not realize what happened until after the service: we had just baptized the most international group yet! We had just baptized several folks from different areas of Papua New Guinea; and we had one young man from Zambia, Africa; and we had an Indian couple who came to us from Fiji. The Indian lady's public testimony was unlike what we usually hear in PNG: "I used to be an idol worshipper, but now I've trusted the Lord Jesus Christ to save my soul."

Construction continues on the Miller's house; and we have seen \$77,000 of the needed \$97,000 come in. Thank you so much to all of you who have given toward that project! Lord willing, their family is arriving this week; and we are feverishly working to get it liveable for them.

Becky and I enjoyed a few days away last week. For the last leg of the flight, we ended up being the ONLY passengers on the airline's jet! While many of you were bundling up for the Christmas cold, we were "roughing it" on a tropical island, watching baby sea turtles hatch. It is certainly a joy to be here.



Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting the work here!

Sincerely,

Matt and Becky