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## CHURCH PLANTERS TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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*For precept must be upon precept...line upon line...here a little, and there a little: —Isaiah 28:10*

Every two months, I sit down to write an update letter on the ministry here; and I usually think to myself: "What is there to talk about? I need to give an update, but nothing really has changed." And then, I go through my camera roll from the last 6 weeks and I realise that the grace of God is like a continual dropping of rain on the lives of people. We want to see massive moments like Elijah's fire from heaven; but God most often works in the mundane: softly, gently, slowly changing lives from one degree of glory to another.

We closed out 2020 with maintenance in the main building. What could be more boring? Well, one of the guys on staff wanted to be a help and voluntarily went through the building with a paint brush and what he thought was the correct paint color. I'll admit that the paint color was very close; however, the next day, we most certainly had a polka-dotted building. It took about a week to repaint all the polka-dots into oblivion. In the meantime, I received a lesson on patiently enduring; and we all got a lesson in carefully paying attention to a task at hand.

We started 2021 with a mad rush to complete the construction on the Miller's house. It is such a blessing to have them here with us now. (Their house construction is about 80% funded; so please pray with us about that small need.) The Millers endured their mind-numbing, muscle-atrophying 14-day quarantine with grace, and I believe I saw a tear or two upon their release from quarantine. Their three little girls are a blessing here.



The new school year has begun with 130 students and 29 staff and faculty. We started the year with a week of in-service training focusing on building a "Culture of Grace" (a video series from Paul Tripp); and Becky and I have built out a calendar to invite school parents to come spend time around a monthly BBQ with us. We are praying that this intentional step will give us an even greater opportunity to impact lives with the Gospel. Day by day this year, we plan to gently rain drops of grace into the lives of these children and their parents.

Capital City Baptist Church took on two Papua New Guinean missionaries this past year—one in Indonesia, and the other in Vanuatu. We are praying for ease of travel restrictions, as many folks in the church want to go visit our mission field as well. I preached a challenge last week, asking our people to consider the calling of God on their lives to be missionaries themselves. One couple, and two college-age students spoke with me after the service—I believe we might be finally seeing results of years of watering. Pray with us—there are exciting days ahead.

Sincerely,

**Matt and Becky**