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...Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. —Rom. 1:7

Covid has hit the shores of Papua New Guinea with a vengeance. Many people here had bought into the conspiracy theories simply because we have not seen people getting sick. But in late February, the illness began to spread and our case numbers are currently sky-rocketing. For an island nation that has a total population of only 8 million people, there are estimates that we can easily have 1 million cases within the next few weeks.

The new wave of illnesses has brought six weeks of shutdowns, and a lot of uncertainty. And yet, we have seen freedom even within the restrictions. We have been permitted to meet with up to 50 people in a service. So, we've implemented overflow classrooms throughout the building, with live-streamed services throughout! This Sunday, we will be back to multiple services with multiple overflow rooms being utilised at the same time.

Speaking of space issues, Capital City Baptist Church is building a NEW BUILDING! We have been saving, and taking up special offerings for the building fund for the last few years. And last Sunday, we broke ground! We are doubling the footprint of the current building, which will allow us twice as much seating, and will add another six classrooms upstairs. So far, this has been fully funded by the ministry here in PNG! I am so proud of our people.



Lord willing, Ariel and Hannah will be with us next month for their summer break. We look forward to being together with them. It's the longest we have been apart, and we are very excited about having them in the house with us.

Thank you so much for partnering with us in this ministry. It certainly is a privilege to be here. Thank you for making that possible.

Sincerely,

Matt and Becky