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And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. —Matthew 8:11

Our girls are here with us! This is such a blessing and gift from our Heavenly Father. In spite of Covid restrictions, the girls were able to come for their summer break from college; and they were also able to renew their PNG Permanent Residency Visas while they are here. Ariel is spending the summer doing a writing internship, wherein she is writing a history book for Papua New Guinea. It is a project she has talked about for many years; and she is doing a beautiful job of it! Hannah is in her “wheel-house” while here, as she is doing a Drama Club with the school children. They will perform on a large stage here in the city before Ariel and Hannah return to college in August.

Jackson is one of our neighbours, and he has attended church on-and-off for the last two years. Recently, after concerted effort by several men in the church to reach him with the Gospel, Jackson started attending much more faithfully. On a Wednesday evening, as we went over the Gospel in detail during the service, I noticed that Jackson was mouthing the words of the Gospel. I talked with him after the service about his salvation and he was non-committal. But the following Sunday, he couldn't respond to the Gospel fast enough. I'm so thrilled to report that my friend Jackson has placed his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.



The church continues to blossom unbelievably. We are only permitted to have 100 people in the auditorium service, so we have been simulcasting the service throughout the building to extra classrooms. This past Sunday, we had 320 people in attendance. I'm astounded!

Construction on the new church building began two months ago, and the foundation is now complete, as is the ground floor slab. The bricks are halfway up the first floor level, and yesterday the guys installed the scaffolding so that they can continue to build upward. We have been blessed in seeing this work continue to grow by God's grace and manifold blessings. Thank you for praying with us that His work would not be hindered.

Sincerely,

Matt and Becky