Young in the Faith. At the end of June, a small host of Owena people made their way to town to meet with dozens of other independent Baptist churches who gathered together to hear preaching by a team of men from Hope of Israel Baptist Mission, Atlanta, Georgia. Several Owenians came to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour through the preaching of the Word of God there! Among those was Daniel, whose wife Apekio has been saved for many years. Although Daniel had made profession of salvation three times previously, the seed seemed to have fallen on stony ground and sprung up, but had no root so soon withered away. Many have prayed for Daniel to be truly saved and for there to be such a change in his life that it will be evident that he is a new creature in Christ. Praise God Daniel’s testimony now is clear; and he is so full of the joy of the Lord that he can’t stop telling about his salvation. Please pray for Daniel, that his new-found joy will blossom and grow into fruitful service for Christ.

Out of 648 million evangelical Christians, 70% have never been told about the 1.6 billion unevangelized individuals in the world. (World Evangelization Research Center)

Mature in the faith. What a blessing it was to have a visit from Kristina recently and hear her testimony of salvation. About thirty years ago, when she and our daughters, Christy and Connie, were teenagers, the young Owena girls would meet together with Christy and Connie on Friday evenings; and our daughters would teach them God’s Word. On one of those evenings, our daughter Christina (Christy) led Kristina to the Lord. Kristina said she has never forgotten, has been so grateful for Christy, and prays for her often.
Increasing in faith. A sincere thank you to all of you who knew and prayed about my eye problem. The whole month of July was a time of adventures in trusting the Lord. We went out early in July so I could see a doctor and were either in Goroka or at the SIL guest house near Kainantu until the end of the month. We could not get a right-away appointment with an ophthalmologist as had been recommended; and each time we tried to get a flight back to Owena, the door was closed. During that time, my computer crashed, and Lewis’s quit working a week after we were finally able to return home to Owena. All of these circumstances gave us unexpected time to read and pray, to talk and plan, to re-evaluate and revise, and to thank and praise the Lord who doeth all things well.

We did make an appointment to see an ophthalmologist in Cairns, Australia, on August 19. However, through the prayers of the churches here in Owena, missionary friends, and many of you on the home front, the Lord has granted such improvement that we have been able to cancel that appointment.

Additional praises... On August 13, Lewis went back to town to see about getting the computers fixed. Problems have been found and both computers are now somewhat in operation once more.

We are also deeply grateful to the Lord, and to a young missionary family we met at the SIL guest house, for a brand new computer which that family purchased for us.

90% of international students are unreached by ministries while in the United States. (The Traveling Team)

...and prayer requests. It seems like the enemy has been fighting hard to hinder the work God has given us to do. The computer problems, generator problems, and other issues have slowed down progress in many areas. A couple months ago Pastors Amos and Matthew, along with Pastor Nuanda from Liberty Baptist Church, offered to help with proofreading Bible translation. They are still waiting for us to give them printed copies of the book of Matthew so they can start checking. We ask you to pray that we will be able to move ahead with the translation project. Also we are still waiting for new batteries for Lewis’s computer and for the old ACER which is the only computer that can be used for sending e-mails from the village.

Please continue to pray for the pastors, that they will grow in wisdom and knowledge and understanding of God’s Word.

And most important of all, pray for laborers for the harvest and for souls to be saved. The school students are currently praying daily for the salvation of Mark, the father of two of the students. Will you also remember Mark’s name when you pray?

Because He is worthy,
Lewis and Judy Young

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