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Missionaries to Papua New Guinea

Dear Praying Brothers and Sisters

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Praise God, the new staff house is under roof and painted inside! The building team from Valley Forge Baptist Temple had an incredible testimony for the Lord and their work was amazing. The students and workers at GBBC are still talking about how the team put God first in their devotions, actions, and conversation. They credit the team's testimony as the reason the whole house and septic field was done in six days!

We had six ladies from Sagifa staying at our house during the Highlands ladies' meetings. Leandra was able to deepen friendships with the ladies and strengthen them in their spiritual lives. Relationships and time are so key in the PNG culture. Praise God Esther (one of the six ladies) placed her faith in Christ.

The church plant at Sagifa is being plagued by endless problems resulting from the devastating consequences of sin in the village. The problems last year (of the four houses that were burned on the bases sorcery accusations) are once again resurfacing. Esther is married to a relative of the man who was accused. The village has basically decided to kick Esther out or they will burn her house down as well. She truly is a baby Christian. ONLY prayer will allow her to stay and grow in her Christian life. Another lady named Nege had her house just flattened a week ago as reprecussion for stabbing a man with a knife. Please pray for the gospel to have free course and to shine ever so brightly against the wickedness.

Our third semester just started last week. These have been busy days to say the least! Tim is teaching Greek and substituting for teachers. The workload with school administration and finances is unbearable at times. Praise God a group of Christian businessmen have agreed to hold Tim accountable and give him counsel through a weekly conference call. The Lord provided this at just the time when the workload and responsibility were far beyond Tim's wisdom and resources.

Lydia is growing so fast. She loves being outside and helping mommy and daddy. The Lord truly gives such joy and gladness in serving Him. We are so grateful for your partnership and prayers!

**For His glory,
Tim, Leandra, and Lydia Hawes**



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