



News from Ruth Zimmerman

20/08/24 (Part 2)

Dear Tintern Church of Christ

We were very blessed this year to welcome three teams of Americans during the months of June and July:

P.N.G. missionaries Woody & Judy Square, along with brothers Tim Raibley and Antoine Stitt, and sister Jaszmyr Ponder, arrived on June 27th from California, and were joined by friends Alvin & Carolyn Bartel, Erik & Kylie Brenneke, and Courtney Bartel, from B.C., on July 5th. They traveled to Zumangurun (in the Markham Valley), Goroka, Tami Island, and Kapini (Menyamya) before starting their return journey on July 20th. The Bartel family worked in Lae at the same time as Woody & Judy (late 1980s). Alvin was employed with the Department of Works, and Carolyn taught at Bugandi Secondary School. Younger daughter, Courtney, was baptized during their trip to Tami Island.



Pictured in the two photos above are Woody and team, during one of their skits at MBC.

Brother Sandy Detherage, along with grandson Tyler Benedict, arrived and spent a few days teaching classes and visiting Christians in Lae, before continuing their travels to Cambodia on the 18th. Please pray for Tyler as he starts his Grade12 year.



Sandy & Tyler (stolen from Sandy's facebook page. My phone died.)

Highland church of Christ members Jimmy & Kim Adkins, and Randy Gaddy, arrived on July 23rd in time to conclude the 2024 M.B.C. school year and join us for the student meal on the 25th. Brother Jay Shappley was supposed to come as well but the cyber-chaos of July 19th led to his ticket being cancelled. Highland (formerly Highland Street) has supported the school here since 1975 when the Lae Bible School (1975-1979) was formed, followed by The School of Life (1980-1987) and the Melanesian Bible College (1988-present). Their long-term support and frequent visits are a great encouragement to us. We enjoyed a trip to Tami Island with them, as well as other outings, before they started their journey back to Tennessee on July 31st.



Fellowship meal at Mission Centre (Agape House) where visitors stay while in Lae.

With love in HIM,
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