

MISSIONARY UPDATE

JEFF & ELIZABETH OWENS
KIARI, PNG

Dear Praying Friends,

What a joy to finally be able to write and tell you that the Lord has granted our request, we received our *visas and are now back in PNG!* Thank you so much for praying with us. It is so good to be home.

We are looking forward to working with Matthew and Rachel Potter for a couple of months. They are on an extended survey trip of GFA's ministries in PNG and plan to spend a couple of months in Kiari with us.

Please pray for Sua this month. We often see her and her husband Martin carrying large bags of produce up the narrow foot path next to our house as they make their way from their garden on the steep mountain slopes to their house perched on top of a nearby ridge. If we are outside when they come by, they will often stop to chat.

Sua and Martin's little square house is next to the communal house and a large open area which is a common meeting place and the site of many community events. Surrounding this clearing are the thatched roof houses of their close kin and other clan members. If you were to stand in the middle of the clearing on top of this picturesque ridge you could look toward the east down into a rugged valley where the Asaro River joins forces with the raging Wahgi river far below, and then look up beyond to the impressive sight of Mount Michael towering nearly 12,000 feet into the sky. Then if you turned around and looked to the west you would see the deep Wahgi river valley with the white limestone cliffs of Mount Elimbari stretched out along the other side. No matter which way you look, you will see nothing but row after row of rugged mountains as far as your eyes can see.

If you love the mountains like we do, this may sound like a good site for a peaceful secluded cabin where you can escape from the hectic pressures of life. However, Sua, along with most of our Kiarian friends, lives in constant fear because of deeply rooted superstitions and animistic beliefs passed down through many generations of ancestors. In so many ways her life is dominated by these fears rather than the peace of God that passes all understanding, which we can experience as believers in Jesus Christ.

Like so many others in Kiari, Sua and Martin often attend church but don't yet seem to understand that peace with God is a free gift which we receive only through faith in Christ's death on the cross. Instead, they have the animistic mindset that God will be appeased by their good works. We ask you to please pray that Sua and others like her will clearly understand the gospel of grace and find in it true peace with God.

Jeff & Elizabeth Owens



In the morning
when I rise

give me
Jesus

This week's co-laborer prayer focus...

Pastor: Mike Harding, First Baptist Church, Troy, MI

Missionary: Jeff & Elizabeth Owens, Kiari, PNG

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"Changing Lives with the Unchanging Word"

Pastor Carl Wood

MARCH 19, 2017

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

10:00 am - Sunday School	7:00 pm - Wednesday Service & Youth Programs
11:00 am - Sun. Morning Service	
5:00 pm - Choir Practice	7:00 am - Saturday Men's Prayer
6:00 pm - Sun. Evening Service	

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 A.M.

- Hymn *Since the Saviour Found Me ~ 493*
- Opening Prayer & Welcome
- Choir Special *Be This My Joy Today*
- Announcements
- Hymn *Satisfied ~ 446*
[Ages 4-12 are welcome to go to Junior Church at the beginning of last verse]
- Offering
- Special Music: Brooks Prince *Mansion Over the Hilltop*
- Scripture Reading *1 Timothy 6:6-10*
- Message by Pastor Carl Wood *"Discontent without Contentment"*
- Invitation *I Surrender All ~ 394*

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 P.M.

In our evening service, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper in a special way. The entire service will be focused on this ordinance including: special music, hymns, prayers, devotionals, and times of prayer and personal meditation. *We ask that you enter the auditorium quietly so that hearts may be prepared.* All faithful believers are encouraged to join with us for this observance.

... abound in this grace also ... to prove the sincerity of your love.
2 Corinthians 8:7-8

 Sermons on disk can be obtained by completing an order envelope from the literature rack.

There will be a **Turf Team** meeting tonight after the evening service. It is time to organize our yard maintenance crews, so all who can help, plan on meeting with us. Contact Bill Cuthbertson if you have any questions.

The **Ladies Spring Fling** will be this Saturday, March 25, at 11:30 a.m. This will be a special time for all of our Ladies. Please sign up at the lobby table.

Our **Creation Conference** will start next week, March 26-29. Skip Tilton will be our guest speaker. Information and invitation cards are available on the lobby table. If you would like small signs to post around town, please see Pastor Wood or Brother Dale. Don't miss any services. Invite a friend.

We will be having a **Church Picnic on Saturday, April 1**. It will be at McLean Park in NMB. We will start at 12:00 with a picnic lunch, and follow it with a softball game. A signup sheet for food items is on the lobby table. Plan on coming for a good day of food, fellowship, and fun!

Upcoming Events

- April 1 Church Picnic
- April 2 Missionaries Paul & Loretta Hitz
- April 11 Ladies' Bible Study
- April 16 Resurrection Sunday
- April 21-22 Men's Retreat at The Anchorage
- April 23 Congregational Meeting & SNAC
- August 7-11 VBS
- September 22-23 Ladies Retreat at The Anchorage

Birthdays: Debra Seibert (20th)

Anniversaries: Gary & Kay French (21st)

Stewardship begins with love, not giving.

Nursery Helper's Schedule	
This Week, March 19	Next Week, March 26-29
Sunday AM: Terri G. & Kendall R. Sunday PM: Brianna E.	Sunday AM: Carol & Kallee Herron Sunday PM: Rhonda L. Monday PM: Brianna E. Tuesday PM: Kendall R. Wednesday PM: Heather W.

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
General Fund Last Sunday (Weekly Budget: \$4,827.00).....	\$4,674.00
General Fund YTD (Budget: \$53,097.00).....	\$48,300.41
Missions Fund YTD (Budget: \$4,180.00).....	\$7,810.00
Building Fund YTD (Budget: \$3,807.69).....	\$33,805.00
Attendance Last Sunday Morning.....	82