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"For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." Romans 11:36

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Dear Brethren,

Greetings from Port Moresby in the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that you are all doing well.

The month of March has passed by quickly for us as we continue to get settled in once again. After some delay, we were finally able to get our phone connected, which has greatly helped in our ability to e-mail more efficiently.

This month I was able to initiate a new series of articles that will be printed in one of the two national newspapers in the country. The newspaper I am using is called, "The National" and can be accessed via the Internet. Both of the major newspapers are written in the English language and are distributed throughout the major cities in Papua New Guinea, as well as into many rural areas. The new series is titled "Search the Scriptures" and will deal with a different subject each week, focusing on the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the gospel. It is our hope and desire that the Lord will be honored and glorified in each article. We also pray that He will be pleased to use it as a means to further His work in Papua New Guinea and to open new doors of ministry to us. It's been encouraging already that some young men have asked me for sermon tapes and study materials in the English language.

We are also staying busy working with the brethren at the church in the Gerehu suburb of Port Moresby. In order to address the need of literacy, we have started some classes at the church building three times a week for some of the members and their children. These classes are held in the Melanesian Pidgin language. Cyd is doing most of the preparation and teaching. Pastor Norman and his wife Lucy are assisting with the mid-week classes and I help out on Saturday. There remains a large segment of the population in PNG who do not know how to read and write. A 2006 Human Development report listed the illiteracy rate at 42% of school age children and adults. Our goal for the classes are to help our brethren be able to read the Bible, to read the hymnbook as we sing, to read various Bible study books, and even to be able to read the newspaper in order to be aware of current events that pertain to good citizenship.

As we have time and opportunity, Bro. Norman, Bro. Ginny and I are completing some of the finishing work on the building. We are installing the lights, ceiling fans, and switches, and are also building some tables, and installing doors and locks. The church here in Port Moresby is helping with the cost of these building materials.

Since we currently do not have room for the printing equipment in our apartment, we are planning to use the office in the church building for the re-printing of tracts, booklets, and other study materials.

Our sincere thanks for your continued encouragement, love, support, and prayers for the Lord's work in PNG.

Love in Christ, Bro. Frank James