

# Papua New Guinea

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Greetings from Papua New Guinea;

**Great meeting** - It was a privilege to preach a revival for Bethel Baptist Church in Lae City. Pastor Timothy has been faithfully pastoring this church for over 30 years. I appreciated the response of these dear people to the Word of God. Seven dear souls responded to receive Christ as their Saviour. I preached in the evenings and Verda held a pidgin literacy teacher training course in the mornings. It was well received and 10 participants received teaching certificates.

**Tensions are high** – Alcoholism is a very serious problem here. There have been 5 deaths these past three months where alcohol was involved. The tension has escalated to the point of tribal fighting. One village was burnt down. Several people injured one of which was a church member of Wau Baptist Church. He was injured protecting his property. He was life flighted to Lae where his injuries were attended to. He is doing well; however, he has lost sight in one eye. Please pray for Ruben as he lost his business and home as well as being injured.



**Bible School** - Work on our new classroom continues. We are wanting to finish the building before graduation. We have entered into the truss and roofing phase of the building. I am excited about dedicating this new classroom during graduation.



Verda and I have been in much prayer for you all. It is hard to imagine the difficulties that each one is facing. The greater the opposition the greater the opportunities. I pray that by God's grace every Christian will allow their faith to grow. Thank you for your giving and prayers for us as Verda and I minister in Papua New Guinea.

Because of Christ,

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