

Catch up June 2011

Hello from Liz Hutton Papua New Guinea



Hello to all my family, friends and supporting churches,

Greetings in the wonderful and Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Thank you for your



prayers and financial support, this is greatly appreciated. It is hard to believe how fast the year is moving on, and it is already the 3rd of June and I have been back in PNG over three months now. Since my last Newsletter in April this year, a few significant developments have taken place. We are very excited to have a beautiful fence surrounding our property. The front fence is made of iron with the lovely entrance gate that our



contractor Kum Feka made and donated to Salem Training School. The rest of the fence is a wire fence. We truly love it here and Jennifer, Fiona and Sharon are great gardeners. If you saw my April Newsletter you would have seen a lovely garden which is worked by the three girls (*pictured above*) even though they teach in the school help in the office and keep the house clean. The students also work very hard in the garden. Another development is our contractor has been working at his workshop on the iron frame for the new staff house. We are looking forward to seeing the house going up in the weeks ahead. The money for the staff house is all paid for and was donated by a

wonderful Christian couple. It will house three of our female staff members including myself. The new 3 bedroom house will later have another house built underneath on the ground floor providing further staff accommodation maybe for a manager.

Over Easter weekend we were really blest to have pastor David Goodwin at the school conducting part two of his Counselling Course. We sent out invitations to key leaders from other provinces and we had some come from as far away as Milne Bay, and New Ireland, and others travelled from the Sepic, Chimbu, Madang and Lae. We had a wonderful time and so much was learnt from this ministry. We very much appreciate this partnership ministry with pastor David Goodwin. We so much need to equip especially those in leadership in the children's ministry from around the nation of PNG. Two of those who came were pastors.



Pastor David Goodwin's visit at Easter weekend.



Every two weeks we hold a children's outreach programme here in the building. We have been showing some DVD's and have seen a lot of children come along. Many of these children have accepted the Lord in these programmes.

This year has not been an easy year for us as we have gone through various difficulties. Jennifer's brother died unexpectedly earlier this year, and I have had concerns for my Christchurch family and friends who were in the February earthquake. I thank the Lord that my family are all safe and their houses are okay although some minor damages. I am thankful to the Lord for friends who have gone around to our house and helped my brother,

especially in the section. I was concerned and even considered returning to Christchurch, as my brother has not been at all well, but my family as well as friends, encouraged me not to worry as things were being taken good care of. My family and I are very grateful to all those that have helped. Back to PNG, I would love to see the Lord raise up a manager who would eventually take over me. Please can you pray with me about the need of a manager, maybe the manager could be a missionary!

I am looking forward to seeing more developments taking place as the Lord provides for us financially. Over the last two days the Lord has been encouraging me to rise up through difficulties and do the work that He has called me to do. God gives specific callings to each of us and what a privilege it is to be able to serve Him even in the difficult times. Last night I watched again the DVD "Amazing Grace" and what an inspiration even with health issues and so many difficulties the Lord used William Wilberforce mightily to abolish black slavery in England. I am sure he heard "Well done thou good and faithful servant" as he went to be with the Lord.

Before I returned to PNG I gave or mailed some of you a copy of my Power Point showing the ministry in PNG during 2010 and what we are believing for, by the end of 2012. I hope that you have been able to have a look at this, so you can see what is happening over here.

The building projects I would like to see completed by the end of 2012 (Some are already completed or funds already received)

- 1. Completion of this present building. We still have quite a bit do especially downstairs with ceilings, tiled floors, cupboards, painting, and storm water guttering. We need funds to do this.**
- 2. The staff house – funds are already available and the steel frame already built but it is still at the workshop waiting for the foundation to be done. We will however, need a water tank for the new staff house.**
- 3. The chicken house is already completed and we are using it now for chickens.**
- 4. A multi-purpose permanent kitchen dining area needs to be built. This will be necessary when we hire the building out during the break time for conferences etc. We are looking at this as a source of income.**

Please pray for funds to complete this first building. We have two water tanks one collects rain water from the back of the building through a small area of gutter. Right now we do not get much rain as people tell me we are now going into the dry season.

When I returned to Goroka in February after my break in NZ, I was concerned that the power had not been connected to the main supply, it was still on temporary connections. Three extension leads were hanging out of the temporary power supply box, out in the open fully exposed to the heavy rains. I was thankful to the Lord that nobody had been electrocuted as it was very dangerous and a plastic bag was hanging over the power box to try and keep the rain out of the box, where the power connections were. Praise the Lord, I was able to get the problem fixed quickly using some funds I had raised while in NZ. However, the power was not enough for the large building and we have had our lights flickering off and on for a few hours during the first few hours every evening. I got used to using a torch in my bedroom until around 9pm at night when the power stopped fluctuating on and off and stayed on. I had an electrician check the power supply inside the house and he said the wiring was alright and the problem was with the power company. However, when I phoned the power company they always said they would come but failed to. I finally phoned the manager and we got some action, and now we have normal power but we still need to change some things in our metre box which is another costing for us.

We also have water problems. We haven't had any water for three weeks now, and not enough rain to make any difference to fill the tanks so we are out of water and like so many around us are looking for water. About two weeks ago, I went into the town authority office (the local government who are responsible for supplying water) and I insisted on seeing a plumber. The plumber came but we still do not have an answer as to why we do not have water. However, I believe that this plumber is concerned for us and really wants to help. He is trying to find out the problem. Some water pipes have been broken I think in desperation by people to find water. Just to make things harder for us a few weeks ago, a plumber that was doing some plumbing, emptied our tank of water. He forgot to put in a no return valve and the pump pumped all our water out onto the road. Then the pump which was an old pump but a very good one, ceased to pump at all, so we are now using the pump that we bought some time ago from NZ but people are saying that it is not as strong as the old pump to pump water from the gate.

Now some encouraging news, concerning water. There is water at the bottom of the well that was dug a couple of years back. I had been told that it was not dug deep enough and was dry. With the help of a missionary couple from another mission, we discovered water, but you have to go 19 metres down before you hit it. Then once you hit water, the water goes down for a further 18 metres. We are hoping next week to get started to see if the submersion pump can pump it out and into a borrowed



tank. If it works, then it would need to be tested for drinking water, but it would certainly help us in our desperate situation. We also need water for mixing concrete for the new house. You can imagine my excitement at this discovery.



Sharon with the previous chickens and our chickens that we have recently purchased.

I told you in my last newsletter that we were into chickens again! Unfortunately, in our first attempt in the new chicken house, about 22 of them died and another 8 must have been eaten by a cat. I was so grateful for the assistance by friends and a vet in Christchurch who gave us advice which was really helpful. We sold all

the remaining 74 chickens, and have another 101 baby chicks just over a week old. Two of these died before they reached our property and one other died which I guess can be expected when they are just a few days old. We have learned a lot from our previous mistakes. We are looking this time for better results with

Our Fundraising through chicken sales.

We have three cats which is great to keep rats away. Our female dog unfortunately has been infected by a male dog probably while on heat, maybe she is expecting puppies. We are not sure. She has a tumour and a large open bleeding sore. Because of the fence taking a long time to complete, we had no way of keeping dogs and pigs out, and our dog in, the property. Unfortunately, the vet asked Kessie's driver to give the dog penicillin injections for 3 days. The driver was used to giving injections to pigs but obvious not dogs. The first time after three unsuccessful attempts to inject Jessie, in fright she bit the driver. He received about 5 bites on his hand and was unable for some minutes to free both his hands from the dogs mouth. It was not a nice experience and he had to be rushed off to the hospital for tetanus and antibiotic injections. His hand was bleeding and Jessie's sore was bleeding much more from the ordeal. The vet turned up here the next day and it looks now like after a course of anti-biotic tablets then she will have to have a small operation to try and close the wound and stop the bleeding. The driver is recovering okay and I think my compensation of K100 has helped him get over it.



On Friday some of our labourers were removing dirt from a large pit that was dug for a stone pit for shower water etc from this first building. This was not done yet, due to lack of funds as well as continual rain. We are going to fill this up with used tyres to save money from buying in loads of stones. Unfortunately, the builder that Kum gave to us is very sick with Malaria. PNG has a lot of malaria and we have been issued with free treated nets to try and protect ourselves against this disease which can in some cases cause death.

Our students are all out doing their three months practical, so there are only four staff staying on in the building at this time.

I want to again thank those individuals and churches who support us and have helped us with the building. Please do continue to pray for us. I hope to visit some churches when I return in November this year. Thank you.

May the Lord Bless

ABOVE Kessie Jalina who is such a blessing to the school. She is always helping us with transport to and from town and is supported only by her pension

Liz

On the right children from a local elementary school bring vegetables from their gardens for us.

