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MISSIONARIES TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and financial support even though 2020 was a trying year for many.

Thank you for praying for the youth purity conference (October 30-31). It was well-attended and the weather was nice. The games and skit seemed to be enjoyed by all, and the split and joint sessions were well-received.



In December, these folks (at left) were baptized.

The local school holidays are from the end of November until the end of February, so the Bible school is closed until early February since many travel.

Sam has been preaching most

of the services the past month so Pastor Ben and his family could get away to their home village for a break. Sam has also been teaching Tantan (a young man who has been leading singing for a few years) about expository preaching. Sam has given him a chance to preach a little in church and he has also been preaching some at the local market. Please pray for Tantan, who has shown much maturity and faithfulness, in spite of his family's attacks against the church. Judas, one of our clinic translators, had stopped attending Bible school due to some negative pressure from his step-mother. He has lately regained his desire to help in the church and to come back to Bible school. The other faithful young man we would like you to pray for is Jon Amon. Though shy, he has a tender heart for the Lord, is faithful to Bible school, and often comes to pray with Sam. Mary Beth asked him to come assist her with the children during Sunday school and he sometimes leads the memory verses.

The building of the Sunday school house was a revealing indication of the desire of many to only work for pay. This was discouraging to Pastor Ben and our team, however, those who gave their time and labor to help finish it were a sweet blessing. Praise the Lord for Ben, Yali, Leften, Tantan, and



Judas. Please pray that the Lord will continue to encourage these men as they serve Him.

Giving the Sunday school teachers a break, Mary Beth has been teaching the children about the Messiah, and the children got to act some of that out in a drama for the whole church on December 23. Some children played Adam and Eve, Abel, one who applied blood to the doorposts for the Passover, and the prophets Samuel, Isaiah, Micah, and Malachi. Though man sinned, God promised the Savior. Those who came God's way offered a spotless lamb for a sacrifice realizing the payment for their sins is death, and trusted fully in the coming Messiah instead of in their own righteousness. Some played Zachariah and Elisabeth, Joseph and Mary, the shepherds, the innkeeper, and the angels. The rest of the children were the choir, singing songs that went along with the drama and stating throughout in unison the themes that the payment for sin is



death, God always fulfills His promises, and the meaning of "Jesus" and "Christ." The last song was music Mary Beth wrote to John 1:1, 4, 5, and 12. It was a fun day, including pig cooked in the ground.



Braxstone, a young man from here who has been involved in the ministry in Port Moresby, hiked up and stayed about a week. During that time, he preached once on Sunday, helped with music, and organized the New Year's Eve service. He preached once, Sam preached once, we sang songs, played games and watched a movie. At midnight, many loudly banged on metal to welcome in the new year.

