

Dear Pastor, Church Family, and Praying Friends,

July was busy time of as I have continued to teach the Bible College Classes in Tok Pisin. It has been a very good way to help me regain my confidence in it. I also took over teaching in a couple of the local high schools while my Grandparents are on furlough. The first one I was supposed to go teach at I did not get to do. While on my way my transportation (ATV) broke down. I had to call and tell them that sadly I would not be able to make it. I was stuck on the side of the road but after a little while a truck drove past, they turned around and came back to check on me. They were able to tow me up the road a bit till I could arrange for something else to be done. I was told by some others that there had been several hold-ups in the area I broke down. I was not aware of that at the time, but I praise the Lord for the protection He provided.

The last Saturday in July we had a Youth Rally with about 75 in attendance. It was a good time with the young people and there were several testimonies the following Sunday about how the preaching be a blessing and a challenge to them. Praise the Lord for that! As my grandfather is fond of saying, "God's Word is good!"

August 15th, Friday, I was asked to preach at a meeting held by one of the local high schools. It was an exciting opportunity, and after the preaching 14 young people raised their hands indicating a need for salvation. We sadly did not have enough workers to deal with them one on one, and the local Baptist Pastor who went with me lead them in prayer. After that was done I encouraged everyone that raised their hand to please come find me after the service, and that I would be happy to talk with them and answer any questions they may have. I also told them if they prayed that night turning to Christ alone for salvation that I would like to get there name so I could be praying for them and that we could hopefully get them plugged into a church as see them discipled. Praise the Lord, 7 young men came up to me and told me they got saved that night and gave me their names. There were a few others who also came up to me telling they got saved a few years ago but they had been living right. They said they made the choice to live for God.

God has shown Himself to be faithful and working here in Papua New Guinea. We cannot praise Him enough or thank you enough for your continued support and prayers for our ministry and our family as we continue to settle into our lives here. Thank you for your faithfulness to our LORD and towards your care for us. May God bless you all.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, Richard Crotts III Missionary to Papua New Guinea