

**A Newsletter by Brian and Helen Chapaitis Serving in Papua New Guinea**



## *Brian and Helen's News & Views*

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We Are Headed Home?

March 2016

After almost 8 months in the US, we are returning to Papua New Guinea. In many ways, it is heading home. In August we will mark the **30th anniversary** of our first arrival in PNG. "We left a young, inexperienced couple with toddler, full of excitement for an unknown life, trusting God for safety and endurance."



Furlough has been good in many ways, very busy and we have not been able to see as many of you as we wanted. But we have been blessed by those we have seen. We were also strengthened by our fellowship with our two main churches and being able to worship with many friends, old and new. Thank you for your service to us and for welcoming us into your church, houses and lives.

We leave the US on Maundy Thursday, arriving in Australia on the Saturday before Easter. We are saddened to miss Easter celebrations with friends and family in the US, but meetings and work obligations

prevented this. It takes a very long time to fly, and as we fly, we will cross the international date line on Thursday, and skip Friday. We will be celebrating Easter without marking "Good Friday." But, how can I (Helen) celebrate Easter without Good Friday? The answer, of course, is "without Good Friday, there is no Easter".

As I muse further on this, I realise that it is because of Good Friday, because of Jesus' sacrificial death at Calvary, that we are returning to Papua New Guinea. It has been our joy over the years to help those who are translating this good news into the heart language of many Papua New Guineans. It has also been our joy to share this message of hope with many of our PNG friends and watch as they mature in Christ. Although we will skip the day on which we remember Christ's sacrificial death - it does not change history and is what calls us to His service.

Thank you for your part in reaching the people of PNG and the many minority languages all over the world so that they too can know that "Good Friday" is for them as well.





Can you believe this is our family, around 28 years ago? Hard to imagine and where have all those years gone?

### **Travel Prayer Requests:**

- Brian to Seville, Spain 12-19 March for a Global Language Program Services conference
- Drive to Waxhaw, NC on 21 March
- Flight from Charlotte to LA to Brisbane on 24-26 March
- Easter in Brisbane away from our US and PNG families (but with friends there)
- Helen to PNG on 29 March where she will open up our house and start

working while the other docs in PNG leave to attend a medical conference and hopefully have some much needed rest.

- Brian to Thailand for the Eurasia Media Distribution Consultation (130 orgs.)
- Brian returns to PNG on 11 April.

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