

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



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

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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS !

September 2016

We just marked the 30th anniversary of the day we first arrived in Papua New Guinea. As we remember the journey, we are thankful to God for His faithfulness and sustaining grace and strength. We are also thankful for the many churches and people who have been a part of this journey with us " through your love, prayers and support (financial, spiritual and emotional).

As many of you are aware, our initial road to Papua New Guinea was a path of ups and downs, uncertainties and learning to Trust in the Lord. Shortly after joining Wycliffe Bible Translators, and after the birth of our son, I, Helen, was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). My initial course was one of multiple complications and we got to the point where we were not sure that we would be able to go to Papua New Guinea. God was gracious, my health improved, we got the prayer and financial support we needed and in August 1986 we left the US and headed to Papua New Guinea.



En-route to Papua New Guinea; San Francisco Airport

At that time we had no idea how long we would be able to remain in PNG. We certainly had no idea of all the Lord would do in the next 30 years, but we knew that by going to PNG we were being obedient to what the Lord had asked.



Even enjoyed living in the village during our orientation training



And then moved to Ukarumpa where Brian started work in the computer department and Helen in the clinic

Our first term lasted 5 years. It had its ups and downs, both in my health and in learning to live in a new culture - but overall we were blessed and hope that we were able to bless others as we made friends, got established in a PNG church and used our gifts and skills in support of Bible translation.

Our first furlough was prolonged due to health issues, but again the Lord answered prayers and we returned to PNG. Brian moved over to the linguistic side of computing, where he continues. I increased my activities in teaching and training fellow health care workers, including both the PNG and expatriate clinic staff.

In 2002 David graduated from high school in PNG and returned to the US to attend university. He has continued to thrive in the US. Although PNG is his initial home he is doing well overall, happily married, and working in Seattle while pursuing his love of music.

We returned to PNG again after getting David settled in the US. Health-wise for me it is a slow downhill course - but considering that several times I was told that I most likely would not be walking soon, and definitely not by the time David graduated from high school, we are rejoicing in the degree of strength I still have.

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# Brian



Consulting and teaching on computer and solar



At international meetings



Preaching at our local church



Village Solar projects

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# Helen



Caring for MK's and their families



Teaching health care workers new skills



Making Babies Laugh



Caring for local kids



In fellowship with women in our local church;  
Comforting those with sad hearts.

Praise the Lord with us for 30 years of ministry and 30 years of His strength.

Please pray as we continue to serve the Lord, that He will provide all we need and that He will continue to direct our steps.

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

Joyfully, **Helen** (and Brian)

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