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Dear Family & Friends,

“All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy!” One of the many sayings I remember from my childhood, although not one I follow as often as I should.

So, Greetings from Beautiful Madang! We are doing well and trust you all are too. Madang is a coastal town on the eastern coast of PNG; and as far as we are concerned it is “The Resort Town of PNG!”



We were able to get away this past weekend for a mini-vacation, a break from the normal routine, get some R&R, and do a little business while in town. We flew to Madang on Friday, and head back to Simbai early Tues morning our time (Monday evening EDT).

Saturday, September 16, was PNG’s 42<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day. It was also our 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We have been able to celebrate in style. We have been getting a good dose of “Vitamin SEA!”

#### Time in Simbai.

We have stayed busy with our ministries in Simbai. We have been involved in the monthly pastors’ fellowship meeting, have spoken in a couple of the churches, and been involved in teaching some classes. Last Thursday, I was able to teach TSOH (The Story of Hope) three times to three different groups at an Evangelism Class headed up by our partner, Steve Root. It went well, and they all learned at least three different ways to be able to share the Gospel with their family and friends.

We were able to get our solar panels all hooked up on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Since then, we have been on 100% solar power! PTL! This has been a great savings to us by not buying and flying fuel to Simbai!

#### Sorting & Packing.

We continue to stay busy with the sorting and packing as well. Lots of stuff has been shipped out to Goroka already. Much more to go. There will be additional sorting and packing in Goroka, and then loading a 20’ container to ship our belongings back to the States.

#### Prayer Request.

We are still in need of new partners to work with (us) the Roots in Simbai. Ideally, we need two full time couples/families to come be a part of the Simbai Team. “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”

#### THANKS.

Thanks again for all your faithful financial and prayer support for us. We greatly appreciate you generous and sacrificial financial support, but more so your faithful thoughts and prayers. We count it a privilege to be a part of your missionary team. You all take care, keep up the good work, and have a great day!

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P.S. We posted some new info and more pictures on our website. Check it out at [www.tobias.abwe.org](http://www.tobias.abwe.org)



Our bungalow on the lagoon.



Overlooking the sea wall to the ocean!