Rosie PNG Prayer Letter

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Like a waterfall is to one drop of rain Like a mountain towers above a single grain of sand Like the blazing sun is to a candle flame Like a thousand years is to one day You are GOD – and we are not. Beyond sight, beyond mind, Beyond sense, space and time,

Most beautiful mystery of all.

You are God alone. Angels worship You. Most beautiful mystery. Three times holy God God whose name is love. Most beautiful mystery Graham Kendrick





Isaiah 40: 22-28

GOD sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. GOD stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. GOD brings princes to nought, and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing... The LORD is the everlasting GOD, Creator of the ends of the earth.



SO thankful that

GOD rules and reigns.

Praise God the Rumginae 'Who is the Holy Spirit' course pictured here went well. About 30 ladies came, and shared in the evenings how the message was touching them. After the course there's been some complaining from some ladies who didn't come especially on 'Looking for power'. Pray for peace - and the opportunity to do the course again with more ladies who want to learn and change.

Jennifer and Jevelyn also suddenly had to add in another course in Lake Murray where 239 ladies attended, waiting patiently, and paddling across the lakes from their villages.

Keep praying for transformation as that's what is important.





It was lovely to spend the weekend with them, and share with the ladies twice. It seemed to be appreciated.

And I appreciated fellowship with some different people.

I enjoyed a weekend in Kiunga with the Baptist ladies. An American missionary family are building a new church and bible school. Pictured here singing an item.



An unexpected visitor!

My house meri got a shock mopping under my table – it moved! And we discovered a fair sized 'house snake'. (not dangerous, so I should have kept it as my rat eater!)

Thanks for praying for Liz and her neck operation, which went well. She continues though to have problems with pain and numbness in her shoulder and arm.

We are still waiting to hear the outcome of Heidi's court case regarding aborting those with disability.



What's ahead?

Temporary part time hospital chaplain – hopefully starting next week – Kelvin Awala. Please pray we will be able to get staff devotions and staff fellowship going, and he will be able to help with pastoral care for the staff, as well as the patients. We have advertised for a full-time chaplain for next year.

'Special care' ward renovations – hopefully! We've had a leaking roof for many wet months – necessitating the use of buckets and roping off some beds. Wheels at Rumginae move slowly – but at least we are in a position soon to start – except the ward is full because of Kiunga hospital lockdown! Many thanks to those who through OARF fund, Pioneers Australia have given to enable these renovations.



September 20-26th The focus at the moment for many in ECP is the biennial General Conference — held this year in Kiunga — 40 minutes' drive from here. So as the hosting area there is lots to get ready. Thankfully progress is now being made, complicated again by new cases of Covid amongst Kiunga hospital staff. Accommodation looks more difficult as many of the guest houses will only take people who are vaccinated. So maybe it's back to the floor of classrooms and church. Pray for <u>safety from Covid for those coming</u>. Pray for this to be a transforming week.

Theme is 'Christ like leadership' – led by the Principal of CLTC (Christian Leaders Training College)

This was meant to be the year to elect new general executive leaders, but there were not leaders of character put forward. This means we continue for another 4 years with the same leaders. Please pray that new godly forward-looking leaders will be trained up ready for the next term when some will step down.

I have to make a <u>presentation for Pioneers</u> – so pray for God's help for that. Thankfully the USB of video clips and power point arrived this week safely – sometimes the postal service does work!

(Mind you I also got a 2020 Christmas card and book from the UK on the same day! And am also waiting for some SD cards from UK with sermons and music. I hope to get them here in time for the Conference as that gives opportunity for wide distribution. Please pray they will come – second lot are now in the mail. I still hope the first lot, sent in December, will show up too – or that they will be well used wherever they are.)

I'm busy getting <u>books</u> revised and printed – youth policy, church role book, Give God's way and others. Please pray as many as possible will make it to Kiunga in time. Plane restrictions due to covid. I'm hoping to make lots of book sales to strengthen us all in our walk with the Lord. How we all need daily encouraging in the ups and downs of life.

General Executive will be in Kiunga the week before $16^{th} - 18^{th}$ – which is also PNG Independence celebrations. After the conference, there is another few days meeting planned to do a review of ECP Bible school curriculum, in an attempt to coordinate and standardize what is being taught – especially as many of the previous books are out of print. Rev Kirine was a key player in that meeting – but he has chosen to contest for next year PNG election which likely means he will not be available – which is a disappointment.

Covid vaccine continues to bring fear and resistance in PNG – sometimes even violence against those trying to educate and offer the service. Rumginae has been very busy as Kiunga hospital locked down with their positive cases, so patients came here. We are still not testing – not sure why. We hope to get a vaccine program going soon, but so far it seems to be difficult to organise.

Thankful to you, my fellow workers in the gospel. 'Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose... For we are both God's workers' 1 Corinthians 3:5,8