

The Hawes Family

Missionaries to Papua New Guinea



Dear Praying Brothers and Sisters,

April 16, 2025

Praise God, there are now 35 schools with over 10,000 students using the curriculum. We are so grateful to the Lord for the great army of Pastors, church members, and missionaries teaching over five provinces. Calls and requests continue to come from across the country, and doors are opening faster than we ever imagined. We rejoice in the men God has added to our Christian Citizenship board with their distinct gifts and abilities. In our last board meeting, they highlighted that it is of critical importance now that Tim starts training trainers for the Bible Clubs instead of teaching the training himself. Please pray as we have a couple of key leaders working on the preparation for us to start training trainers. Please also pray as we have submitted our curriculum to the Education Department for evaluation.

Praise God, we now have funds committed for 25,387 Bibles out of the 32,000 Bibles we need to order to get the full container discount! We are so deeply grateful for God's provision. The Bibles cost \$2.88 each, and we still need \$19,044.63.

Please pray, as we will be traveling to Manus this next week for training. This is the first time we will be conducting training off of the main Island on one of the smaller islands. We will be going as a family. It may seem odd to say our missionary kids are going on a mission trip, but for them, it really is! They grew up in the Highlands of PNG and know the culture here. The culture and food (like mud crabs and octopus) are all very different on the islands. The training will be in connection with a revival meeting where the churches will be together for a meeting. We are then supposed to travel to an even smaller island to conduct evangelistic and education training for public school teachers.

A number of youths from Sagifa Bible Baptist Church got saved or rededicated their lives to Christ during youth camp! Unfortunately, we have a situation in the village similar to what happened in Kapagu years before. A young man died unexpectedly, and a woman was blamed for his death. This woman and her last-born son were tragically murdered in retaliation. Tim was in the village all day last Wednesday trying to help bring peace. There were some very intense moments trying to calm whole groups of young men running around with machetes bent on destruction. No further lives have been claimed, but many people have fled from the village for their lives. Please pray earnestly for the Christian youth to stand firm for the Lord in the face of such cultural pressure.

Thank you so much for your earnest prayers for Tim's doctorate. By God's mercy, he passed his oral defense on Thursday and is now finished. God's timing on this was perfect, as we now begin to train trainers for the Bible clubs. We are so thankful to have more time together now that Tim's doctorate is done. I think Lydia and Levi were the happiest of us all. Thank you for being the best team of prayer warriors and supporters ever.

**For His glory,
Tim, Leandra, Lydia, and Levi Hawes**



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