

Dear Friends at First Baptist Church,

**July 14, 2010**

The three people we mentioned in our last letter, Raul, Sinilin and Garus have heard the lessons about Christ's sacrifice for our sins and his resurrection and return to heaven. They were questioned by another Bible teacher, and their answers showed they understand but still have some questions. Raul especially has questions about what part attending church and giving money and living a "good" life have in salvation. These are common questions because most religions in this country teach that we must believe in Jesus, and we must also be good to be accepted by God. Garus was the one we thought might not be getting it because God's word is so opposite to all he has ever known which is appeasing spirits. But after hearing the last lesson he said, "There is no the value in our sacrificing pigs and chickens for our sins because Jesus has paid for all our sin." Tabyus, a new teacher, did a great job of reviewing to help them in their understanding, and all three have now started listening to the second phase of the teaching which seeks to strengthen their understanding of salvation by grace through faith. Please pray that their minds will be opened as they continue to listen. Pray that they will have a clearer understanding from God's word that works have no part in salvation but rather eternal salvation is by grace through faith.

The translation helpers are working on the revision of the book of John. We and Piduy are now reading through the Manubu New Testament translation and making changes that have come up as a result of revision. For example, we have translated the Sabbath as the Day of Rest but sometimes it needs to be more specific the Jews' Day of Rest.

Thank you for your gifts and for your prayers for Raul, Sinilin and Garus and prayers for the translation revision.

### **July 22, 2010**

Greetings. A few weeks ago we asked you to pray Wila's husband, Garus, who has been listening to the evangelistic phase of the teaching. After listening to the last lessons - the ones on the cross and the resurrection - Garus was questioned and seemed to understand. He then started listening to the second phase of the teaching, but was gone from the village for a number of days so missed quite a few of the lessons being taught nightly. He is back now and his father-in-law is catching him up on the lessons he missed using a Saber MP3 player. So please PRAY for Garus - that his understanding of our wonderful salvation by grace through faith will be firmed up as he continues to listen to God's Word.

And, please rejoice with us about Wila. Wila was one of the more active teens among the young people in the Manubu' church. But then she slept with an unsaved guy (Garus) and ran off and married him. Last Sunday she confessed her sin before the church and encouraged the other single girls to not follow what she did. Confessing sin and especially before a group is definitely a step out of traditional Manubu' culture. So lets PRAY together that Wila will now continue on strong for the Lord, and that she will be a good example before her newly saved husband, Garus. And that together they will have a great testimony for the Lord.

We and our team mates, Trevor and Judy, have been discussing what to buy for transportation to and from our airstrip which is 7 km (5 miles) away from our village. Please PRAY for wisdom from the Lord as we decide what to buy. There are a number of used 4 wheel drive vehicles available to choose from, and the Lord has provided the funds we need.

Keep looking up! He is coming soon!  
Gene and Carol Trudeau