



# Living Water Mission

*Isaiah 42:10 "Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein and the inhabitants thereof..."*

## News from Bwasa and Milne Bay – December 2012

### Thanks for Prayers

Since returning from England a new political climate has emerged in PNG and here on our island. In many areas the wicked have indeed been removed and certainly our province has had a good clean up. The sitting member was unspeakably wicked and God moved him on. He even brought in troops to force the returning officer to declare him the winner at gunpoint but the PM sent more troops and helicopters to remove them and ordered a re-count with the result that a new man who has a relationship with the Lord has become our MP. The new man's name is Davis Steven and he is a lawyer by profession. Lucky Manoka tells me that he knew him at uni and he became Christian there. He is a member of the CRC, (Christian Revival Crusade). During the campaign, while Colly and I were in England, he stayed in our village and celebrated the work going on here with a promise to return with offers of help. We have not seen him yet but it is early days and as always – Ps 118:8 (the centre verse of the whole Bible) applies.

### We stand in regular need of passionate faithful prayer

In praying for our nation you will get considerable understanding by following the link below. A speech given by Sam Koim is well worth reading if you want to understand the situation in PNG follow this link <http://files.pngperspective.com/200000454-b99d7bb91e/SpeechbySamKoimatAustracMeetinginSydney.pdf>

Spiritually we need prayer to make the breakthrough not only against witchcraft and the direct demonic assaults against our people often being via their cultural and customary modes of life which only God can change. It is not a worthy human endeavour to manipulate these things because they are so complex and reach down into men's souls through many generations. However God knows exactly what is needed and where deliverance must be applied. The method of our prayer therefore must therefore be Romans 8:26; so when you get into the Spirit and begin praying let your focus of prayer come round to us affirming with the Lord (in English) the situation you are praying for and then pray in your spirit in tongues and keep on so doing until you get a release from the Lord.

### Boatbuilding Progress

Although nothing has yet become apparent regarding the big vessel that we are trusting God for. However the little boat we call "Lema" (Helper) has made very real progress. I feel a little like John Williams who made his own boat in Polynesia nearly 200 years ago to reach the islands of Polynesia with the first wave of the Gospel. We should be easily able to collect our BCC students in Lema as well as all the other tasks we have for her. Work has made good progress right up to the gardening season, despite the heavy rainfall we were able to 'timber up'. This is to steam and



rivet long strips of wood to frame and strengthen the boat athwart wise; these are also called 'ribs'. We only have a few things to do now like the thwarts, foredeck, spars and rig, painting; and then she is ready for the water. *Lema* is the first clinker boat built in Milne Bay since the 1970's and the first to incorporate a deep draught design needed to counteract leeway for sailing. Sikken has adapted himself very well to clinker boatbuilding especially the art of developing a fair line in laying off the planking. I designed her full sized on three ½" ply boards so as to learn and teach our people lofting at the same time. We shall be cutting the *beach calophyllum* for the knees and have already fitted the floors (these hold the two sides of the boat together). Rosewood (*pterocarpus indicus*) has been cut for the thwarts and seats but the *bush calophyllum* for the spars is still being straightened under tension. The last few days of work before the break for Christmas will probably see the seating done and a start made on the rudder.



### Land Dispute Issue and the Gold Prospectors

The *kampani* - NGG (New Guinea Gold) have had another name change and are now called Normanby Mining but basically it is the same mix of Australian/Canadian interests. In October they sent their local manager to request written indemnities from compensation claims for a road they are planning to build through the Mwanimwaniu district between the two rivers Nedebala and Sewatupwa. These were returned to them within 24 hrs but at the time of writing no earth-moving events have transpired but everyone positively hope that the road will be cut and with decent engineering, and a cambered surface with culverts and proper drainage if it is to stand the test of even five years of usage. That was nearly eight weeks ago but if track record is anything to go by then don't hold your breath, but we live in hope and expectation of God's grace. They are now digging on the other side of the Imwauna face of the mountain so the tailings don't come through the North side at the moment (we hope). The new MP Davis Stevens has told our landowners that he will investigate the legal delays to settling the land dispute but apart from occasional meetings between landowner groups things have returned to normal.

### Bible Training Centre



The concrete floor has now been completed and what a difference it makes. We are planning to launch the next BCC in the second week of January as the main part of garden making season will have been completed and we will be able to receive students again. The Sony home theatre system packed up after only 14 months of service in August and so Howard (my son in Maroochydore, Queensland) has been trying to arrange a replacement player in anticipation of restoring the system. At some point we also need to replace our sago palm roof which has been in place for over two years although it is not leaking yet. I am loath to replace it with iron because it will get so hot inside and with the amount of rainfall here teaching under the . . .

drumming of the rain would be impossible. So I will have to give some thought to wooden shingles. In the photo, you can see the inside of the Mission Hanua with its new floor. The whiteboard was given to us by Simon Rooksby of Computers for Charities in Heathfield, East Sussex; a couple of years ago and it has been such a blessing to our work. You can just make out the rosewood projector box in the roof. We have to sweep the Mission Hanua out quite regularly to keep out the invertebrate life and the people have a horrible habit of chewing betel nut with lime and spitting the filthy red waste on the floor, the new cement floor has not produced any restraining influence on the children but at least the adults spit outside. I guess it is our Bible School beginnings and by training people in Basic Concepts we hope to build a level of understanding in people to build a strong foundation of Biblical Christianity in their lives. Despite the fact that virtually everyone here goes to some denominational church or other, the ignorance of God's Word is utterly astounding. Locally people here call us Rhema, which is because I went to Rhema Bible Training Centre in South Africa and Colly attended a short Rhema ministry course here in Alotau but the founder of the Rhema ministry, Kenneth E. Hagin never allowed Rhema to become a denomination because there is no Biblical endorsement for denominationalism despite the fact that literally thousands of churches and ministries worldwide have flowed out of the RBTC teaching ministry he set up in Tulsa, Oklahoma. However this teaching ministry is called Rhema because there is an association between ministries agreeing on what is taught but we are not part of that system, though in essence we teach the same things. Kenneth Hagin was of the same generation of ministry as Oral Roberts, Lester Sumrall, and Billy Graham. He went home to be with the Lord at the turn of the millennium full of years and taking a wonderful record of obedience to God's call with him.

Those of us who went through the Rhema ministry are aware that it is impossible to please God without faith (Heb 11:6) so missionaries tend to be what is called in missiology 'faith' missionaries. That is we trust and believe God not only about our call but also that God will provide our need to fulfil it. Such missionaries often do not have financial 'back up' arrangements with organisations but look to and rely on God for their provision. The same principle of 'he who pays the piper calls the tune' applies and although we do not know the next when or where the next financial input is coming from we are wonderfully free of human control and therefore ever more dependant on the Lord's direction. It also means we live by faith and God will stir the hearts of the supporters (2 Cor 9:7). The other lovely thing about Rhema is that they work cheerfully with real Christians of any denominations.

#### Message on Faith – Meet the conditions to obtain answers to prayer

However, concerning an effective believer's life it is essential to take Jesus' words seriously. He told us in Luke 6:46-49 that this was the reason believers should build their house (lives) on a rock for a sure foundation. Yes I know the Lord is our Rock but what He was telling us was that our relationship with Him must be real and folk need to pass over from the religious realm into spiritual realm of obedience to His word *by faith* in what He has said. This is why we place so much emphasis on the basics here in Bwasa.

God has so much for us to help us succeed in life and His plan (Eph 2:10) for us, but we miss it so often by taking things far too lightly or religiously in letting 'church leaders' interpret for them what God is saying, or being influenced by the media into doubt. Similarly when discussing faith issues and the trials we face, one can often hear Christians saying "*but in the real world . . .*" as though we lived in Alice's Wonderland! How then can anyone form a proactive relationship with God with that attitude? I believe that God's promises are real and that on occasion we miss it in that we have not been diligent enough to meet the conditions. God's Word and promises *never* fail and we can *always* trust Him completely. We miss it when we don't listen properly. (Deut 28:1&2) I repeat the necessity of *hearing* His voice as Roman 10:17 says faith comes by *hearing* God! People talk about keeping the Ten Commandments and your nose clean! But hearing the voice of the Lord is so much higher than that. When you really love God you will *want* to obey Him and *love* others, this will cause you to obey the Decalogue without even thinking about it, because it has become a matter of conscience (your spirit). Obeying the scripture like a rule book will not bring life (2 Cor 3:6). Jesus

said in Matt 4:4 that we cannot only live by bread or natural food but by *every Word that proceeds from the Father*. The Greek word used here is *rhema* or simply ‘the-words-we-can-hear-because-they-are-being-spoken to us’ You may ask; ‘are you telling me we can actually hear God speaking to us?’ Emphatically – Yes!! Among charismatics this is called ‘getting a revelation’ which really means that the *rhema* word God gives you has been received and you have ‘downloaded’ it on to your spirit man (like a hard drive). Sometimes it is almost audible and you might even look around but usually it is in your spirit. It is only very rarely that God will speak to us audibly like Paul on the road to Damascus. What God calls listening to His voice requires obedience; when we obey His voice we are positioning ourselves to manifest the blessing. Heb 10:36 indicates to us that our faith will be tested and our lives, and God, like a good father will by degree bring us in line with His will and purpose. This is the process by which He develops in us the character we need to press into His plan for our lives, it is never spiritually destructive but the Adversary certainly does come to steal, kill and destroy but remember that Jesus came to give us life abundantly. Don’t say things like ‘God allowed it to happen’. Meditating on the level of permission given to the Enemy by God will not help your faith and invariably leads you to blaming God or yourself for the sickness or problem. No, you must think on what the Word says about your situation and praise God that it is your inheritance to be healed or any other one of God’s promises you need to lay hold of and chase out the negative thoughts. Start thanking God in advance for what you have asked of Him. Believing you have already received (positionally) you shall receive (it will come to pass). cf Mark 11:22-25

## Beasts

The same ‘beastly’ life abounds as before but now with the addition of Magnificat (beside me in the pic). Although not fully grown yet he searches out meeces with alacrity and gobbles them down before one can say ‘mouse’ The other day he brought in a massive creature which looks like a marsupial rat which is apparently responsible for eating coconut in their husks. What Lollington Dog is deficient of by way of a lack of feck is well and truly made up for my Magnificat and we are completely and gratefully mouse free! In the background you see our tractor, the Woodmiser and a speedboat we cannot use for want of a serviceable 4-stroke outboard motor.



The marauding kite ate some of our chicks again and I was able to witness the speed with which these birds launch their attack. It shot between our house and the kitchen with two clucky hens jumping after it all beaks and feathers. At least we have sufficient chickens now to supply our table on special occasions and eggs too. Colly tells me that while I was in Alotau recently a large snake fell from the kitchen roof before being dispatched by Steven but it made no assault of the chooks.

## The Garden

Colly, Steven and Lin lin have been busy in the garden planting next season’s crop, while I have been in the workshop. I managed to get up to the garden slopes and I am ceaselessly amazed by the ability of Papuans to prepare a garden at forty-five degrees (as you can see in the picture of Colly) All the natives have these gardens. They cut down the trees and bush, and then after the sun has dried it



they burn off the leavings. Longer branches are laid out like terraces called *laba* and the yams, tapioca, sweet potato, pumpkin, etc, are planted between them.

Pineapples and bananas are also planted between the rest at intervals. Coconut trees planted on the hillside almost give the place the appearance of a refinery with their contorted trunks turning through the angle of the hillside to offer their branches to the sun. Steven will be returning to Misima to recover his five year old son from an offshore island and take him to his native village of Bwagabwaga before returning to meet us in Alotau. He will be taking a huge quantity of yams and mats as a sign of appreciation from our community for his love and friendship here in Duau.

### Marine Affairs

After a heavy loss of life from marine accidents there has been a fresh interest in setting up a practical system of marine safety. They know that I hold an RYA Yachtmaster Offshore ticket and they are contemplating whether to ask me to set up a marine school here in Bwasa. To this end I have submitted a paper to help them and if they let me know the parameters, including the budget available, before we leave for England at the end of April, then I could open some discussions with the RYA. So pray for a good outcome to this as well.

### Christmas Break

We were invited to the closing graduation ceremony at Kelologia school which is almost feastly. Some of the children have done so well, in the pic you can see Aidan Yawenoli, Stan's nephew. Aidan's sisters and brother are have done excellently with Sam and Sandra making it to University and we fully expect him to follow in their footsteps. The reason for the success is that Stan learned by revelation, what the Bible teaches about godly discipline while we were with him in Doini in the '80's and fruit is still being borne today in this wonderful lad.



Colly and I will be going with Ruth and her children to Suwaealo, Silosilo (West Suau) I am told that we will be fishing from a *parai waga* (sailing canoe – *sailau* in Misima) I hope to get some good pics for the next News. Later we will visit her mother's village among the crocodile infested mangrove swamps of Mullin's Harbour where we will be treated to delicious mangrove crabs, we will not be expecting a 'white Christmas' Our next News will be in the New Year. For those of you who witness your faith to people remember this little story. I was once with my son at the checkout in Budgens in Rye talking to someone in the queue about the Lord and suddenly a little boy overhearing me spoke to his father "ere Dad, this bloke's messin' up Christmas wiv' religion" We pray you reach plenty of people with the love of Jesus over the Christmas season. Remember that Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

Lots of Love

*Guy & Colly* (on the far side of the world)

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