

Monday **Pray for Missionaries Starting a New Church Planting Work in Papua New Guinea**

Jotham and Maria Van Der Decker minister as **tech specialist and education consultant in Papua New Guinea**. "Praise the Lord with us! A new team of missionaries is officially getting ready to build houses soon with the Uruwa (pronounced oo-ru-wa) people. [Probably at the] end of this year/beginning of next, we will be helping them build their houses in the bush. Continue praying for their team as they make preparations. Pray for us as well as we advise and help with house planning and purchasing materials. Praise the Lord that His timing is perfect as we see things falling into place now that had been delayed for an unknown amount of time before."

Tuesday **Matthew has been translated for the Dinangat people of Papua New Guinea**

Jeremiah and April Markley minister among the **Dinangat people of Papua New Guinea**. "Jeremiah is tired! Last week, two of our Dinangat Bible teachers flew out of the [village], a translation consultant and his family flew in from the Sepik region and another consultant drove over to our mission centre. The purpose? To spend four days together checking Jeremiah's translation of the book of Matthew. Each day they read more than 200 verses, and the consultants would fire comprehension questions in the trade language to the Dinangat speakers to see how they were understanding the translation. Now, after 'some' years of blood, sweat and maybe even a few tears, the book of Matthew has finally come through its final consultant check! Every single verse, meticulously exegeted, translated, checked and rechecked with multiple Dinangats, has now been worked over by two consultants. And after a few final adjustments, it will be ready to print and be given to the Dinangat church! Praise the Lord with us for His grace in giving strength and perseverance through this whole process."

Wednesday **Pray for the Yanomamö people of Latin America**

Bobby and Sandy Jank minister among a people group in **Latin America**. Mateo, one of the believers of that people group, attended a meeting to discuss cross-cultural evangelism. "Mateo did great, sharing his testimony and experiences. He also had much to say [about] his burden for his people and the many challenges the **Yanomamö church** is facing. ... He kept commenting to me that they really seemed to want to know about his situation and that of his people. It wasn't lost on him that all these people had taken the time and effort to come together not to discuss and resolve their own problems, but rather to learn how to better reach out to others, and specifically, to groups like the Yanomamö. "Within the Yanomamö culture, there are



reasons why the church has been slow to grow in the area of Christian community. ... Please pray with us about this. Pray that the Yanomamö believers will have the courage to open their hearts to other Yanomamö believers who are not from their own family group and who don't have the same official ties. Pray that they will choose the family of God, even when it seems to mean rejecting their own earthly families. They are facing difficult choices that most of us have never had to consider.

"In Luke 14:26, Jesus told his followers: 'If you want to be my disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison — your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters — yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.' Wow! What a challenge. And this is exactly what the Yanomamö believers are facing.

"Pray that God will raise up disciples among our Yanomamö believers."

Thursday **Dinangat Church Baptizes 12 Believers**

Jeremiah and April Markley minister among the **Dinangat people of Papua New Guinea**.

"Jeremiah was just in [Dinangat] for two weeks, and Alayna and I joined for the weekend. It was an exciting few days as we got to watch 12 people follow the Lord in baptism! Ten teens and two elderly ladies took the plunge and declared their faith publicly, including our co-worker's youngest daughter, Mimi. Such a blessing to get to see them honor the Lord this way. The church is not without their problems, and we are continually asking the Lord to raise up more leaders, but overall, we were excited to see the elders teaching faithfully and the believers growing in their understanding of the Word. One major area of concern is the young people in the village as they seem to really struggle with living out what they say they believe, especially in the area of relationships and marriage. My co-worker, Elli, Alayna and I had a unique opportunity to do a little teaching on this area just through sharing pictures of a family wedding that took place this summer. Please pray that God would stir the hearts of parents to be active teachers in their teenagers' lives, [a concept] which historically has been anti-cultural."

Friday **"We have leaned heavily on the strength of the Lord."**

Josh and Erin Verdonck minister with **Ethnos360 Aviation in Papua New Guinea**. Josh is a pilot specialist. "Thanks for your continued support and prayers for our ministry here in Papua New Guinea.

"The last few months for us have been extremely busy and without a doubt the most stressful period of ministry for us so far. Since taking on the roles of Flight Operations Manager, Training and Competency Manager and Ground Operations Manager, my workload for the Aviation Department has been very high. When I took this position, a fellow co-worker encouraged/reminded me by saying, 'Your success is not in in your strength — even you don't have enough reserve to grunt through the next months — but the Lord is able to fill you, and He will. Be encouraged. Rest in Him moment by moment.' Boy, has that been true, and we have leaned heavily on the strength of the Lord these months! We are unable to do this on our own — we rely on the Lord and covet the prayers of you and our team here."

