

#### Monday Pray for the Awa Believers in Ecuador

Andy and Chrissy Shaub minister among the Awa people of Ecuador. There are three families that are reading "the short [Scripture] passage each week that is going to be taught the next Sunday. ... [Pray] that there will be more families reading God's Word together." Pray that, in times of health problems, families would turn to God rather than participating in shamanistic rituals. Pray also for Bible translation. Praise God for faithful Awa translation co-workers. Praise God that the team was able to reach their goal of completing 250 verses of Joshua before their translation consultation.

## Tuesday The Fear Was Palpable, but They Came Anyways

Scott and Natasha Flaugher minister among the Elsengg people of Asia Pacific. Their Elsengg friend passed away recently, and a man from another village, thinking the Elsengg



man's death is "the result of sorcery and evil spirits," was warning the Flaughers' Elsengg friends to run away. "The fear our friends were experiencing was palpable. We met as a family and started praying, not sure if anyone would even come to the teaching. Thankfully, nearly everyone in the village came. ... Scott told them that nothing would make the evil spirits happier than to have them leave and run instead of staying to hear God's Truth. ... Please join us in praying for our friends to stay in the village and cry out to God for help, to

keep coming to the Bible teaching and to desire God's Truth."

## Wednesday Kaulong Believers Want to Stand Strong in Their Faith

Peter and Pam Van Der Decker minister among the Kaulong people of Papua New Guinea. "We don't want to be dependent on you.' What invigorating words for us missionaries to hear! These men [from the Kaulong church] continued, 'We know you won't always be here, and we want to continue standing strong in our faith long after you leave. Can you help prepare us for that?'" Pray for the Kaulong church as they learn to stand on their own. "We are thanking God for the growth we see in some of the believers, particularly in several of the men who lead in the church. ... A big prayer request is that there would be an increasing passion for reading God's Word and fellowshipping together on the part of all the believers."

# Thursday The Impact of Short-Term Mission Trips

Joel and Bethany Potter serve stateside in the Communication and Mobilization departments. While on a recent Encounter trip to the Philippines, Joel shared, "We are heading into that part of our trip where we are encountering a formerly unreached people group firsthand. It really feels like we're in the Philippines we all imagined before coming." And yet, one of the most shaping moments wasn't about the scenery but surrender. "Be praying for us," Joel wrote, "as our comfort zones are stretched and become a fluid concept, and expectations are either met or missed as we have the chance to spend time face-to-face with indigenous believers from the Manabo people group." Pray for these growing churches as they continue to follow Christ and mature in their faith. Pray for the team, as they have returned to the USA, that what stirred in their hearts continues to grow.

# Check out EncounterTrip.org

# Friday Spiritual and Physical Needs Are Met

Canadians John and Krista Poidevin serve at the support centre for the Highlands Region in Papua New Guinea: John in Tech Services and Krista at the medical clinic. "A team of missionaries is working with the local believers in Tanguat to teach the gospel for the first time in villages that have not previously heard a clear presentation of the truth." Though spiritual needs are being met throughout the country, there are physical needs too. "There are



nurses around, but we are still waiting to see how God will provide doctors." Pray that God will provide the help that they need. Praise the Lord for the church plants there and for the Good News being spread in different ways. "Please keep praying that we will continue to follow Him, trusting and watching to see what great things He is doing."

Opportunities to serve at the medical clinic: ntmpng.org/medical