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SERVING ON THE MELANESIA AND SOUTH PACIFIC FIELDS



*Merry Christmas!*

*From our family to yours, we wish you a merry Christmas and a blessed holiday season! May you find new meaning in the Christmas story this year as you celebrate the birth of our Lord.*

*Scot, Jill,  
Aden, and Wiley*

## ✧ Faithful to Complete His Work ✧

*“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” - Phil. 1:6*

### THE REST OF THE STORY



Following the overwhelming response to the revival services in October, Melanesia Nazarene Bible College also held a special offering which they had planned to purchase a new sound system. Again, the response was generous - instead of reaching the goal of 5000 kina, close to 8000 kina came

in. The extra money was used to replace some musical instruments for the worship team.

In November, we were blessed to attend the Bible College graduation ceremony.

Following a challenging message from Rev. Mike Purcell of the Central Ohio District, we shook hands with each graduate. It was exciting to think of the impact they will have, planting churches across the country. We praise the Lord for what he is doing through the ministry of MNBC!

Follow these links to **LEARN MORE** about what is happening in Melanesia and the South Pacific and how you can become involved.

Fiji Boat Ministry [www.fijiboat.org](http://www.fijiboat.org)

Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in PNG  
[www.kudjipnazarenehospital.org](http://www.kudjipnazarenehospital.org)

Open Hands, Open Hearts Foundation  
[www.nazarenehospitalfoundation.org](http://www.nazarenehospitalfoundation.org)

Vanuatu [www.pottersnvanuatu.com](http://www.pottersnvanuatu.com)

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## REGIONAL DS CONFERENCE

Nazarene district superintendents from across the Asia-Pacific Region gathered in Singapore last month for a training conference. We praise the Lord for what he was able to accomplish during this time. It was a productive time for those involved. Many were encouraged and challenged to seek the Lord for new ways to reach the lost, and to lead pastors on their districts in making Christlike disciples.

Following this conference, as PNG district superintendents met for National Board meetings, they were able to continue to dialogue with each other about the ideas that had been presented. They began to realize some of the things that need to happen before the PNG church can be what God wants it to be, and they began to take action in those areas. It was an answer to prayer to see the example they set as leaders, especially in the area of forgiveness, which goes against the grain of the culture.

## PNG NATIONAL BOARD MEETINGS

The National Board of the Church of the Nazarene in PNG met last month and sensed the Lord's direction during their meetings. Thank you for praying for these church leaders as they discussed different aspects of the ministry of the church here. Continue to pray for the Lord's wisdom and clear guidance as leaders work toward the goals they have set for the next ten years.

## VISAS

We praise the Lord that Mike and Diane Chapman now have their visas and will be on their way to PNG this week, arriving on Friday, December 14! Pray for their final preparations and good-byes as they leave the US, for the Lord to prepare, equip, and strengthen them for the work he has called them to do, and for safety in their travels. Mike will be able to help with the construction of the new hospital which is already underway, and Diane will be teaching the missionary kids.

We also praise the Lord that Kristin Molinaro's visa has been transmitted to the PNG Embassy in Washington, D.C.

However, the paperwork Kristin submitted to the Embassy has been lost, so she is still waiting for her passport to be returned with a visa so that she can come to PNG. We are praying that the paperwork will be found so that she does not have to re-submit all of the application materials, which would further delay her arrival. We are hoping that she will arrive yet this month so that she can be settled and ready to start school, teaching alongside Diane Chapman in January after the Christmas Break.

## SOLOMON ISLANDS

Missionaries George and Nancy Miller return this week from their home assignment to the Solomon Islands. After a very busy deputation schedule, they return to a busy schedule on the field. Pray for them as they step back into life and ministry in the Solomons, and as George resumes responsibilities teaching Bible classes.



*Aden makes friends at MMBC graduation*



*Aden shows Wiley his tent*



## *Visit Us on the Web*

We've started a blog for Aden and Wiley, documenting their day-to-day adventures. For these stories and some related photos, click on the following link: <http://adenandwiley.blogspot.com>. We plan to update the site frequently, so check back often to see the latest news about our boys.

### **CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

**DEC 10-13**

*Field Strategy  
Meetings*

**JANUARY**

*PNG District  
Assemblies*

**JAN 21-24**

*PNG National  
Pastors'  
Conference*

## *Upcoming Travel*

Scot will be traveling to Cairns for financial strategy meetings on Monday, December 10. He will return to Port Moresby on Friday, December 14. Pray for wisdom for our field leaders as they meet together, for effective outcomes of these meetings, and for travel safety. Jill will travel to Port Moresby with Wiley on December 13, and will meet Scot on Friday to be sighted for Wiley's birth certificate and passport and begin the process of obtaining a PNG visa for Wiley. Pray for safety as they travel, and for the efficiency of this process. Scot will also be working to renew the registration of the Church of the Nazarene in PNG. Pray for this process to go smoothly, as apparently some of the paperwork from past renewals has been lost and may complicate the registration process.

## *PNG Assemblies and Pastors' Conference*

Join us in prayer for district assemblies across PNG throughout the month of January. Pray for wisdom in decisions that will be made and for new leaders who will be chosen. Pray also for a national pastors' conference January 21-24. During this conference, General Superintendent Jesse Middendorf will ordain pastors from many districts across the country. Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on this gathering, and for encouragement and inspiration for these national church leaders.