



That They May Know YOU



“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” John 17:3

The Newsletter of Pastor Larry and Tina Matro, LCMS missionaries serving in Papua New Guinea

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Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive many times more in this time...” Luke 18:29-30

We have experienced the truth of that verse when we were in PNG before and now. While we really miss our families back in the USA, the Lord has given us co-workers, neighbors and friends here that are a blessing to us. Last month we told you about our fellow LCMS missionaries here in PNG. In this newsletter, we want to tell you about the other people we are calling “our PNG family in Lae” and how God has blessed us though them.

Leo and Damaris and their children Nathan (16) and Regina (8) live in the apartment under our house and serve as caretakers of our property. They cut the lawn, weed the flower beds and also provide daytime security. Leo and Damaris also do extra work for us such as painting, house cleaning and driving us to the airport. Tina especially likes to hear Regina and her friends playing outside. *(The picture is at Sea Fire Beach near the MLS campus.)*



Mick and Nikolas are our next-door neighbors. Mick (left) is Australian and teaches doctrinal courses at Martin Luther Seminary. He is currently going through the colloquy program leading to ordination in the Lutheran Church of Australia. Nikolas (right) was born in PNG and then lived in Germany with his mother for 15 years and now is back working for the Assets Management Unit of the ELCPNG. We regularly enjoy pizza with them on Friday evenings.



International Friends - Every other Sunday we meet with other expat missionaries for Bible study and fellowship. The group consists of people from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA. We recently watched a DVD study called *“Missions Dilemma”* which challenged us all on how to think about our work here in PNG. We are blessed by their friendship,



encouragement and Christian fellowship. We recently “baby sat” Anna while her Dad and Mum (Julian and Shannel) went out for lunch.



The Boyd family (left, Martha and Asher, right, Adam, Bella and Jacob) - We lived in their house at Ukarumpa when we first returned to PNG. They are working on revising the Enga New Testament and putting other materials into the Enga language. We enjoy their company and their work is an encouragement to many. They spend about half of the year in Enga and the other half in Ukarumpa, about 8+ hours down the bumpy Highlands Highway.



Please join us in thanking God for these friends here in PNG!

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