

EDUCATION UPDATE



Cecilia Anderson plans to visit us again in March to continue expanding the mobile backpack libraries to more Highland communities. We hope to welcome Mandy Ross from QLD, who will be coming to assist with this project. Would you consider giving to <http://worldhope.org.au/folio/mobile-library-backpacks/> so children like this to have a chance to read a book that suits their age and culture?



About 50 years ago, these three ladies were among the first girls in the Fugwa valley to learn to read. They now serve in various forms of ministry, including nursing. When asked to speak about what education meant to them, they all tear up with gratitude. Each one says that today's PNG education system is no longer as good as what they experienced. For the sake of their grandchildren, Kiname, Ibiya and Hoya want to see schools improve.



Following the Floyds

SOMETIMES GIVING BUILDING ADVICE IS THE EASY PART!

20 years ago, if a PNG church leader approached me about a new building or a renovation, I had to consider if I could set aside the weeks or months needed to complete the project. Whilst that is still the case for some projects, there has been good progress over the years in training local carpenters. More often these days I can offer advice or serve as a consultant or overseer. It's very pleasing to see more Papua New Guineans doing the actual building, meaning more projects can be completed at the same time and also that the community feels an even greater "ownership" when the project is complete.

Recently our family went to Taguru to advise church and community leaders on renovating the large district "tabernacle" building. It was important that I see the building in person and be involved in the discussions that day.



This large building has served for decades. It has been a Bible college, local church, and a district centre for evangelistic meetings. We have seen this building packed with over 1,000 people to watch The Jesus Film in the Pidgin language. It was so full that night that young men climbed into the rafters in order to see. After serving so well, it is time for renovations. The roof will be replaced and some of the concrete plinths will be reworked to provide support for the posts.



Although the road has improved in some sections, it still was 5 1/2 hours round trip, to visit Taguru. Longer than we were actually there to give advice! Our boys found it was an enjoyable way to spend the first day of school holidays.

A BIT OF THIS, A BIT OF THAT



The new church plant at Kukuipa. Our family has enjoyed connecting with this new congregation that has started as a result of the Jesus Film ministry. Mark Haluma, a former tribal fight leader, has donated land to start a church. Mark came to Christ after watching the Jesus Film. He wants other men with a lawless background like his to come to know Jesus. On this Sunday we sat in the sun while Pastor Sale led the service and preached.



The major renovation and extension project for late 2015 and probably most of 2016 is working on the Fugwa Wesleyan health centre. Recently Don worked with Andy, teaching him how to prepare and glue the joints in PVC pipe plumbing.



Just one of the "reasons" we are keen to see the Fugwa Wesleyan Health Centre renovations go ahead. (This patient is sleeping in a bed sourced and sent to PNG by the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Nanango.)



Our PNG niece Sera, far left, achieved the scores need on her grade 8 exams to be accepted to the only girls' high school in the Mt Hagen area. Pray for Sera as she moves into a dormitory and begins her PNG high school studies.

COMING UP: February—hosting two young ladies volunteering from Sydney April—hosting two couples from Sydney May—celebrating 25 years of marriage June—attend General Conference in America with Rev Roy Mung

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