BUILDING PROGRESS AND FINANCIAL SETBACKS
Renovations and extensions at the Fugwa Wesleyan Health Centre continue to progress. Neville Osborne from Sydney and Allan Anderson from Toowoomba, helped push the project along in April. Don, acting as project manager, is pleased with the hard work and good attitudes of the construction team.

A good camaraderie has developed among Kuk, the leading hand, and the three other men working full-time on this project. From left to right, below, Sale, Kuk and Andy. With Tagiria having fun testing out a wheelchair in the new hallway.

At the same time, we are sad that national government financial issues are impacting health centres around the country. The PNG government has always helped support church health centres, recognising that it is churches that provide most rural health services. Recently however, the government has warned that nurses may have to take a large pay cut.

VISITING AMERICA WITH REV ROY AND ELISE MUNG
As part of serving in Papua New Guinea, we were required to attend the Amplifying Mission Summit, as well as the North American General Conference. Roy Mung, national superintendent of the PNG Wesleyan Church, was a delegate at the General Conference. Believing that it would be beneficial to their ministry as a couple, Elise has also travelled with Roy.

Our schedule in America has already been full, with mission/church conferences, recruiting for theological education missionaries for PNG, many kilometres of travel and visiting local churches. A joy between times has been visiting places of natural beauty and catching up with friends normally based in Papua New Guinea.

#1: Cheri, Elise and Roy, preparing to board the boat which takes visitors quite near Niagara falls. Elise cried for joy when she saw the magnificent waterfall God made.

#2: Roy ready to preach in Kentucky. Roy speaks English, but prefers to preach in Pidgin. Cheri translates for him as we travel together.

#3: Australia, America & PNG. Wesleyan and Churches of Christ in Christian Union. Speakers of English, Tok Pisin and Wiru. Floyds, Johnsons and Mungs. All one in Christ Jesus.
CHURCH PLANTING SPARKED BY THE JESUS FILM

"You don't have to be a former 'marijuana head' to plant churches. But it sure does seem to help at the moment."

When I told Don this after my most recent visit to a church plant, he laughed. But the truth is that among the most passionate of the Fugwa church planters are young men who used to be enslaved to marijuana, but were set free when they accepted Christ after the showing of the Jesus Film.

Last year God gave the Jesus Film team boldness as they travelled in the Fugwa area, even in the midst of tribal fighting. God also gave them favour with the communities they visited. In one location, the Catholic priest encouraged his people to attend the showing, saying he had nothing like this to offer them. And a growing number of people began to follow the team to each new film showing.

Today the villages of Kukuipa and Andirapi have donated land for new church buildings. Materials are being purchased in preparation for erecting buildings. In the meantime, these new congregations meet outdoors. Young men who hadn't been going anywhere near church are now the very ones doing hard physical labour to see the buildings go up.

On my recent visit to Andirapi over 20 women registered to form a new Wesleyan Women's group. One of the young men was so impressed with the women's Bible study that day, that he asked to join as well. The ladies explained that he couldn't be a Wesleyan woman. But he pleaded, saying he could help them with any heavy lifting that might need to be done whenever they travelled to other churches or prepared meals. He was allowed to register!

At the moment, younger pastors in the Fugwa district are caring for these churches on a circuit system, walking or riding a bicycle to preach at one of the church plants and then at their own established church. Praise God for these young pastors and young converts, who are being encouraged and supported by older Christians, as they reach out to more people with the Good News of Jesus.

OUR THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS IN PNG SO FAR THIS YEAR:

Christina and Hannah—two university students from Living Bread Wesleyan Methodist Church, Sydney who visited in February. They helped with music, library and medical ministries.
Neville and Linda—a couple from Pittwater WMC. Neville assisted in construction and maintenance work. Linda helped enter MANY books into the Bible College library system. And both Neville and Linda worked with school children, leading games and speaking about Australia.
Cecilia and Mandy—from churches in Qld. They worked to empower early education teachers and extended the Mobile Library Backpack program in conjunction with World Hope Australia.
Allan—from Toowoomba Wesleyan Methodist. A regular volunteer, Allan was a tremendous practical help, as always. Mechanical, electrical, construction—he can do it all.

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