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Greetings from Beautiful Madang!

This past month can be wrapped up by pukpuk (crocodile) racing, koala viewing, and dolphin spotting. Every year the Rotary Club puts together a fundraiser for the Creative Self Help Centre in Madang by racing fake crocodiles that are fasten to a reel. The fastest jockey out of eight wins the race. It is a fun evening in the community filled with fun and laughs. Though that was not the only highlight of April as we prepared for vacation to Brisbane, Australia.

Tyler departed one week early to attend the Pacific Technology Consultation (PacTech) in Brisbane. The course Tyler attended was called Mobile Application Creation. The course highlighted two new technologies: HearThis and Scripture App Builder. The course was centered on the App Builder application that is brand new. In fact the very first public release of the application was two weeks before the course. At the conference, Tyler got firsthand experience using both HearThis and Scripture App Builder (SAB). Tyler even got to create his very first Android app! Tyler was able to take scripture portions of Mark with the accompanying audio and sync the two together. After transferring the small app and required audio files to the Android smartphone, Tyler witnessed the power and great potential that this new technology can bring to the bible-less.

Pacific Rim

East Africa

North Africa

West Africa

South Asia

South East Asia

North Eurasia

The week following Emily joined Tyler in Brisbane for a week of vacation. We both enjoyed the cooler temperatures of Australia as well as the safe and secure downtown atmosphere. We decided to stay in downtown Brisbane and enjoy the city life. We also took in the chance to see koalas, kangaroos, wombats, and other distinct Australian animals at a nearby sanctuary. The sanctuary is conveniently located along the Brisbane River which allowed us to take a river cruise to and from the animal park. The next day we hired bicycles for the day to enjoy the wide sidewalks and outdoor friendly Brisbane. The trip ended oh too soon as we perspired in the Air Niugini domestic terminal for our final flight back to Madang.

One unique experience we had was to attend the Church of Christ in downtown Brisbane. We walked into a multicultural community of believers and spent the next few hours worshipping with them hearing multiple languages spoken as people prayed and greeted one another. It was a humbling reminder of how the church is truly from many nations, many languages and many places striving to reach every tongue, every tribe and every nation. The pastor shared about his very recent trip to India where he had the chance to visit a veteran missionary reaching out to people stricken with leprosy. He also shared about the many new believers that were baptized during the time he was there. It was a precious time of worship to take a step out of our ministry here in PNG and remember the worldwide efforts of the whole church, taking the whole gospel, to the whole world. Thank you all for the part you play!

Pray for us this week as we care for Josey & Corabelle, as they parents travel out to Gandep to teach. Pray for our students at Gandep to be encouraged by what Kevin, Erin, & Jim teach and share with them this week. Pray for Tyler, Emily and teammate as they help facilitate the next set of Mborena Kam recordings. Pray for our physical, mental and spiritual health.

Together in Christ,

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