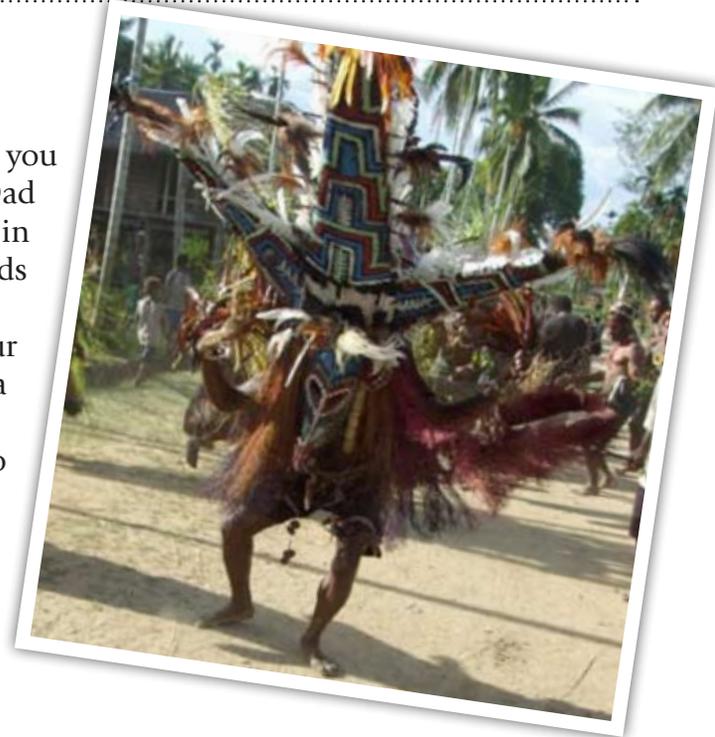


## welcome to PNG

Ever wonder what it would be like to come and visit us in PNG? Well, you're in luck! In this newsletter we will take you through my mom and dad's visit to Samban. Mom and Dad came to relax and get a feel for what we do day to day out in the bush. They also wanted a chance to visit with grandkids and get to know Judah who was only 3 months old when we left USA the last time. What kind of trip is it? After your 29 hours of travel on larger air craft, you would get enjoy a ride in a 6 passenger Cessna plane for an hour over misty mountains and slithering streams and finally over the sago swamps and grasslands. Once in Samban you would be greeted by hundreds of national villagers some of whom will entertain you with songs and dances and native dress and costumes. Now you have a decision to make. Do you work or do you play or do you play while you work???



## getting right to work

It didn't take long for Dad to start making his "to do list" and each morning at breakfast the list came out for re-evaluation also known as: reality check. With only 12 days in the village the men tried to take on a month's work. I think the fascination was mutual. Here Dad is showing Alus how to bend PVC pipe and in the picture below Aken is teaching Dad how to sew on the roofing leaves for the new generator

house. When cultures collide there is so much to be learned and a new respect is gained as the knowledge and wisdom of two people groups is shared. Together the men finished framing in and roofing the generator house, added a new breaker panel, repaired a broken water tank put linoleum down in the bathroom, milled up about 30 table tops for the local carvers and did lots of little odd jobs in the house and workshop.

**Dick's thoughts:** *"After almost 4 years of receiving constant e-mails and talking with Karie and Jesse when they were home I quickly found out how little I knew of the work which they are doing in Samban. We were welcomed upon our arrival as if we had been close friends for years and were just returning from a long trip. Naleh, Elijah, and even Judah have many friends with whom they spend their days playing much the same way that I did as a child, outside. Once Jesse arrived and we decided which items needed the most attention there were always many men who would come and help with the projects. I believe that I learned more from watching them work than they ever could have learned from me. The kindness and generosity of the*



people of Samban still humbles me after being home for four weeks now. I can only hope that it will continue to do so for years to come. Not speaking a common language was difficult at first but when working toward a common goal much can be communicated even without words. Karie and Jesse's ability to speak their language certainly is an asset to witnessing and working with those in the village and made me wish that learning the language would come easy for me. As time came for us to leave Samban we heard the refrain, "Come back" many times. I desire to go back and perhaps spend enough time that I can speak with them without the need of a translator. Thank you, Samban, for the love and care that you show our family, the Pryor's, and for the feelings that will help to draw me back."

## time with the GRANDKIDS

One of the toughest things about living in PNG is being separated from family. Although we are blessed with a wonderful extended national family nothing can replace the real thing. Grandma and Grandpa wasted no time with the kids but fell back right where they left off in the USA, spoiling them rotten and giving to them the undivided attention, (and candy) they love.



**Tammy's thoughts:** "It was so good to get to sit and work on coloring pages, play games, read books, play in the pool, & go for walks with Karie, Naleh, Elijah, & Judah. Little Judah has grown so much and is quite verbal for only 18 months old. He is a bubbly, happy little guy. I got to sit in on one of the kids' home-school sessions with Karie. We celebrated Naleh and Elijah's birthdays as they are in August and September. We were so glad to meet people whose names we have heard. Dick and I were assured of the commitment the people have to our kids. I am so glad we were able to see, witness, appreciate, observe, and experience some of what Karie and her family live through in Papua New Guinea. We know Karie and Jesse love the work God has given them to do and we realize even more how they are both well suited for the task. Besides getting to spend time with the grandkids, we also enjoyed the time with our nephew, Ryne Able. We are so glad he got to travel with us. He was a big help and he enjoyed getting to know his cousin, Karie, & her family a little better, as well. He is enjoying his first semester at Johnson Bible College now. Each of us saw God's blessings daily while there."

## PRAYER AND FINANCIAL CONCERNS

We have decided to purchase a vehicle to leave in town. We have needed to do so for some time, but could not find someone to take care of it. Although other missionaries (mainly PBT) have allowed us to use theirs, by renting the vehicle with a per/kilometer fee, in the past (for which we are extremely grateful), we felt it was time that we have one of our own. We need one specifically to transport goods, hardware, food, and medical supplies when we pick them up in town and to get them to the airfield. There's also a need for moving sick patients to the Doctors and Hospitals. We can't survive without one, and we've been blessed that we've been able to use someone else's until now. Please pray that financially this is going to be possible. We have purchased a four-wheel drive sport utility to fulfill these needs. While God has provided enough for the initial purchase and shipping, there are still some costs remaining with import taxes, registration, etc...

Another need is that of a man named Joshua Apa. He has been sick off and on now for over a year. I (Jesse) have brought him into town for testing. He was on death's door when we evacuated him here into Madang. He is doing better, thanks to prayers and medicine, but the doctor has still not determined the cause. Pray that God will lead the doctor and treatment that will make him well. The additional costs have



these tests and extra time spent it time is also something we didn't foresee.

Pray for Karie and the kids in Samban while I am in Madang. Pray that they will be protected and safe. Pray for understanding for the kids of why I am not there. It's been over a week now and looks like at least one more.

RAIN. It is so dry there in Samban and they are down to the last 150 gallons of drinking water. Pray that God will send rain to provide the drinking water.

***PRAISE NOTE ADDED LATER*** from Karie: We praise God that though Jesse has had to be in town with the sick patient he has been able to get some work done for Pioneer Bible Translators. Plus Jaymi Cook (PBT intern) is here with me in the village and is progressing in the work of checking the translation of Acts. She is a big help to me with the kids and housework in Jesse's absence. The Samban area did receive some rain last week, but please continue to pray for more to come. *How great is our God!*