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Dear Praying Friends,

Your prayers have been so much needed these last few months. Thank you. There is so much to pray about.

News from Wau:

Three graduated from the Bible school in Wau.

Seven people were baptized at Kwimbu Baptist Church five miles south of Wau. The Christians in that village have suffered a good bit of persecution though the years.

The Incorporation Act implemented by the government recently has very adversely affected a number of Baptist missionaries and churches across PNG. This is keeping several of us from getting long-term visas. Pray the Lord will give us wisdom to work through the complicated processes involved.

Our head teacher at the Wau Baptist ACE School just passed away. That leaves the church with a serious staff shortage, and a faithful church member.

Gary Keck, who has been heading up the Bible school, has had to come to the States. He is to have a biopsy today on his lung to determine treatment. Kenny Keck whose work is out on Bougainville Island is going to supervise the school for a little while. Luther Smith will return a little early from the States the end of March.

A fruit of the Spirit is long suffering, so thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

May the Lord bless your Christmas time.

Shalom,



Jim