

# *Living Water Mission* (Reg UK Charity 1012491)

***Bwasa Village, Normanby Island, Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea***

***Isaiah 42:10 "Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein and the inhabitants thereof . . ."***

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Hello everyone and a happy, blessed and prosperous New Year to you all. Our prayers for you are that you prosper and are in good health even as your soul prospers, yes that is the Word of God from 3 John 1:2. Prosper means to enjoy success in your endeavours and does not only apply to making money. It also means success as you apply yourself to God's revealed word to you as you follow His plan for your life.



Colleen and I were married on the 18<sup>th</sup> December and we will be going back to Bwasa again to return to the work. About 140 people attended the wedding and the singing was heavenly. Papuans singing in harmony is one of the most touching sounds to fall upon the ear and it is quite hard maintain a dry eye. Howard came too and was warmly received by everyone and we hope for his coming again soon but with his wife Elise next time.



Above is the cake-cutting and Pastor Ronnie Toumulesi is on the right.



On the pic above are, from L to R. Heather, Molly (Colly's sister), Queen, Colly, Manda, Morris, me, and Howard.

Evangelist Daroa came with a message and took lots of pics too. He preached four times at Bagilina UCM and they look forward to his return to preach through Misima during 2011.

We were able to share vision and pray with Ronnie at Bwagoia before I left. Our mutual concerns were that many young men drop out of the loop of life as teenagers and that this causes immense problems in Papuan society. Basically this is because unlike girls they are not subjected to discipline and are allowed to play their lives away until they get married and only then does the weight of responsibility get shouldered. With such late development the men are invariably weak from a moral point of view even if they are physically strong and therefore quite unprepared to meet the new responsibilities ahead. It is of course our responsibility as missionaries to teach the Word of God to parents so that they raise all their children in the nurture of the Lord. Eph 6:4. Nurture means the whole upbringing; including discipline, training and education.



The need for transport around the whole of the Milne Bay Province is becoming ever more and more acute, and especially as the UCM church at Misima are drawing much closer to us in ministry. We used to have MAF aeroplanes to help fly us around PNG but these are increasingly less and less available. In Milne Bay they are non-existent; there used to be airstrips on Normanby

with one at Esa'ala and at Sehulea but they are now closed and the price of an Airlines PNG flight to Misima from Alotau is K516 or appx A\$258 one-way for a 35min flight. Truly it is sad that we do not have *Soteria* as originally intended, she would be in almost constant use in outreaches to the islands in carrying ministry teams involved with teaching and evangelism as well as to train and minister to the young men to communicate the reality that God not only loves them but has a plan for their lives too. Sail training provides an excellent source of discipline mixed with adventure. Additionally *Soteria* would act as an cargo carrier in this area so full of islands in which we would serve other Christian ministries supplementing what God has called them to do.



In your praying please pray fervently for God to supply our need in accordance with Jesus words in John 15:7. We really believe what the Lord says here and if you do too then pray enthusiastically with us for the boat and for other things too. In James 5:16 the word fervent in Greek is *energeo* from which we get our English words *energy* and *energetic* from. Applied to prayer it means both mental and physical fervency, so we would ask you to pray with us in this manner. *Soteria*, whose name means salvation as in Eph 1:13, would be ideal as we are very familiar with her, but our need could be satisfied by another similar sized sailing vessel too. UCM outreaches use the Misima *sailau* (above) which is a large

outrigger canoe which although travels fast under sail is not safe for larger groups of people. The photo here is of the *sailau* owned by UCM called Mission, it has 17 people on it and they are embarking on a voyage to an island 20 miles away. One heavy gust on the starboard side would hurl everybody overboard and Ps. Ronnie agrees that the Lord has better for us.

England again.

Last August Colly and I went again to England and stayed with my parents. We had a civic wedding in Alotau first because the later wedding would not provide a legal wedding certificate and this was necessary for Colly to be travel with me in Europe. It was a time of hard work travelling and buying things needed for Kwato and us a Bwasa. We had to order two marine Diesel engines for the two cutters and a 25kva genset for Kwato. The final round of tools as well and again Simon Rooksby of CfC gave us a lot of really useful items including computers, clothes, medical equipment, Bibles, including an interactive whiteboard. Properly set up this should equip our Mission Hall perfectly to enhance our teaching and ministry at Bwasa.



Colly by a cannon at Porthleven

God first told me back in 1981 that I would be teaching His Word and building boats. It is clear that the boatbuilding is the first work based on His Word being taught to the people of the village. The completion of the boats could only take place with a foundation of God's Word in their lives. On this basis I am confident that with godly foundations placed into their lives their horizon will be raised to new heights and they will achieve great things.



Me beside a cutter being built by Jon Albrecht

Papuans live on land teeming with natural resources but they need the right attitudes and

skills to make use of them. We believe that proactive faith in Matt 6:33 clears the way to access these resources and by putting the Lord in the first place in our lives He will open for us every way in life from personal character development and training to practical day-to-day personal application.



A well attended service at Kelologea on Normanby Island

On to the boatbuilding the initial issue is to procure financing to pay wages and cover provisions such as fuel. To do this we are involved in cutting timber flitches which you will have read in my earlier reports. By milling these flitches we can dispatch first grade timber to Alotau for sale overseas. Income from this activity will finance the boatbuilding. This timber is sold overseas and many buyers have shown interest in buying timber but as there is a lot of corruption in PNG so buyers are very mistrustful of buying from PNG. There is a certification system in place called the FSC but getting this certification will cost around £40,000



which is prohibitive to us as we are so small. The aim of certification does is to ensure that rural people are not exploited by big business; that re-planting is being done and that rare species are left alone. That we manage the forest is easy for us to demonstrate but who can afford to pay the incredibly high fees for this certification!

At Kwato they will be cutting building timber for local sales and producing it ready to use. In this way they too will be earning money to finance their own cutter. Basically this the plan we have agreed with AusAID (Enterprise Challenge Fund) with their matching grant which has provided the tools, machinery and shipping our people must match this by fulfilling the agreed plans. Of course in a perfect world this would be easy and wonderful but there are and have been major hitches along the way some of them tragic too.



**Jon Albrecht beside the cutter he is building**

While we were away we lost our boatbuilder who had a kidney failure and was a loss not only to our program but to many family and friends around the Province.

In mid-August Colleen and I went to Cornwall and met the designer of our boat Luke Powell and his assistant Jon Albrecht as shown in the above photo, Jon made the comment to me that he would really like to build a boat which would be of practical help to people in a developing country rather than simply as pleasure craft for the wealthy. He said he would be glad to come to us for a year and build a boat. I did tell him that he would really be a tremendous help if he would do that and I think he would get along well with the Papuans at Kwato. The Cornish boat building is different from that which is currently known in Milne Bay and a huge lift from where we are right now. When Luke showed me how they 'loft' boats, that is to say to re-draw the plans to full size so that they can lift the lines and transpose them onto the wood which they then cut out to make a 'kit of parts'.



Here on the left is Luke laying out the batten to get the shape drawn from which the framing timber can be shaped. I was challenged and Luke picking this up reminded me “It’s not rocket science Guy! Simple Cornish village fishermen built boats like this. . . .”

On the right you can see the ‘kit of parts’ filling up the workshop floor. I must admit that I am also challenged by the small space in which the cutters are actually built.



Eventually the parts are bolted together and then fitted onto the keel. Luke is the one holding the chain hoist. So you have an idea now of what we will be doing and it is our prayer that Jon the funds will be available for him to be able to come here for a year and build the Kwato cutter.

Later we motored across Falmouth Harbour and Colly steered us across, the cutter herself had crossed the Atlantic Twice. On the right is a pic of a chilled Colly at the helm.



Porthleven 4 miles from Gweek where the boatbuilding is going on, we met Niel Smith who was soulwinning in the village by distributing tracts to people. Niel invited us to his church and Colly and I decided to attend on the next Sunday. Now our money had dried up and we had been praying that God would provide for us. We did not speak of our need. After the service the pastor, Glenn came to us with some of the leadership and gave us a generous cheque from the charity shop they ran in the village and then equally spontaneously church members came to

us individually in the same generous spirit. The church is part of a Canadian charismatic denomination called the Apostolic Church and we thank God for them and the personal encouragement they gave us not only with the money but their love and fellowship too, even now they are helping Jon to raise £10,000 he needs to come out to Milne Bay. Here on the right you can see Colly between evangelist Niel and his wife Sharon. Colly really fell in love with Cornwall and especially with Porthleven and the saints there at the Apostolic Church.

Our time in England though was characterized by a lot of hard work, chasing equipment and organising shipping. We managed to find a lot of the things that we listed in the last newsletter, including the tractor; the overhead projector; some DVD's, the small genset; summer clothes, medical equipment and re-furbished computers from Simon Rooksby and Computers for Charity.



It touches me immensely that God raises up support from people everywhere and most of our support comes from organisations set up simply to give. Tools for Self-Reliance made up five boxes of handtools for us of immense value to our work and training for young boatbuilders and projects further away such as in Misima. Such people need prayer support for they are a real treasure to us and like an oasis in a desert.

Many of the things I had listed have been

**A Singer machines supplied by Tools for Self-Reliance**  
 I managed to get an ancient tractor, a Massey Ferguson 35 from 1961. Actually New Holland tried very hard in a short time to find a tractor albeit without success but they are still looking among their various operations to find one for us to use at either Kwato or us at Bwasa. The MF 35 I bought can be seen on the right which you can see here with the previous owner a farmer from the Yorkshire Dales. I trailed it back to the container that day. Of course all this had to be



shipped out in a container, our second one. The shipping was arranged and the container put into a yard in Southampton where we could pack the items as they came in.



Here on the right is the inside of the container with Colly and Heather goosing around. On the left are the boxes of tools from Tools for Self-Reliance. Sometimes we had to repack as well because we could not leave our things outside. In the middle of September Simon Rooksby came with the computers, etc. here seen packed. We had to re-arrange everything when the thickneser came in from Cornwall.

Unfortunately this is our last container until someone agrees to fund one again for us. The

next time though we will need to focus more on vehicles and put the other things around them. Tractors and pickups are the most needed vehicles here.

As our time in England co-incided with the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Britain I took Colly to Shoreham Airport for the air display and we walked on the perimeter road to get a better view of the aeroplanes despite the security personnel employed to prevent people from getting a 'free look' Colly initially thought were in the peril of our lives as the warplanes roared overhead but soon she realised that they had no belligerent intent. Rather different from 70 years ago when so many fought for the freedoms now taken so much for granted. Here on the left is a P51D Mustang on finals.



After we returned to Cornwall to take delivery of the thickneser we prepared to drive my parents to Spain. There was a little concern about whether the authorities would allow Colly to enter as the Schengen Countries have made it all but impossible for PNG's to enter the EU. Thankfully Britain honours the Commonwealth relationship and grants PNG's 6 months stay without a visa. (I wish PNG would do the same for us Brits) Anyway we took off to Spain straight after my parents



birthdays by ferry from Portsmouth to Santander in NW Spain. It was another exciting trip for Colly who remarked on the similarity of this ship with the *Titanic* film. I am glad that is where the similarity ended and Colly did not climb over the rails at the stern either.

Colly here on the boat deck on our passage to Spain. It was so unusual for a Papuan to visit Spain that it took rather a long time to pass the border control but they honoured the new Schengen policy regarding the spouses of citizens of UE

member states.

So we drove across Spain and delivered M&D to their destination at Mazarron. Colly and I hired a small car for the two weeks we were there and here are some of the pics we took.



The big guns above Cartagena, Colly is seated against the turret. These guns were mounted by the Republicans in the 1930's and never fired a shot in anger, I do believe.

M&D with Colly in between. I am blessed with the fact that my parents are in such good health. Mum is 92 this year and dad two years younger. They want us to visit them annually and I am delighted that they are both around and I would get a horrible 'lonely' feeling if they weren't here any more. They still go for walks and play boule on the caravan site with our generation and some in-betweens.



One very precious couple took us in at their house in Camposol to give M&D some space in their casita (a largish fixed caravan on a site) and we moved into a 'granny flat' on their

property two days after arriving. Amanda and Will have been in Spain for about eight years (I think) and Amanda has a real passion for God supported by Will.

We have something in common together with Simon Rooksby in that there are no churches supporting us. Yet God blesses out endeavours, through trials and tests He has been bringing us through to overcome. It is often such a fight but we always end up coming through. Although we go to churches they seem to hold us at the extremity of fellowship and it can feel quite isolating at times but God always brings us through. Jackie Pullinger had a similar experience in Hong Kong but after such a wonderful testimony I dare say there are heaps of churches who would welcome her to their pulpits. Such is our prayer for Amanda and Will that there



church and others too would be fully supportive of the vision God has called them to and in which they are bearing so much fruit. Here you can see Amanda (in yellow) with her English helpers, (Will was taking the picture) I am praying for them in this pic. Will helped me tremendously in getting me prepared to use an overhead projector with my netbook. Please pray for them too.

So Colly and I returned to Papua New Guinea on the 16<sup>th</sup> November in time to prepare for the Wedding, which is where you came in to our story. Right now I have been working with Heather (Heather has done the lioness's share of the work) on the ECF acquittals which have now gone off to ECF where Amanda Jupp is labouring making sense of our work. We experienced many trials in 2010 and also some encouraging success. We enter the New Year with enthusiasm and faith in what the Lord will do this year both as we bring the two centres into profit and prepare for the cutters to be built.

Please remember to pray for us from the heart for the work the Lord has called us to as well as the needs that we have.

With love and every blessing

*Guy & Colly*

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