



May 2018

# Luther and Martha Smith

Missionaries to Papua New Guinea

We are glad to once again report on our continuing work here in Papua New Guinea. Since we returned in March, we have seen new doors and opportunities continue to open before us to spread the Gospel. As one National Pastor said to me recently, "Bro. Luther, you are here to help us in the Lord's work aren't you? I replied, "Yes! I'm happy to do so," as I presented to him with a new pulpit, songbooks and a box of Gospel tracts. Pray for this young pastor, Chris Yapet, as he ventures out to start a new Baptist work in an area called Patep.

In April we rejoiced in seeing 6 more step forward to receive believer's baptism at Wau Baptist Church. One of the young ladies came forward and Martha was able to counsel with her as she dedicated her life to the Lord and desired to follow Jesus!



One of our projects while in the States was to raise funds for a new generator. We felt the need for one that could run the entire household, as well as being able to turn on with a key instead of being pulled by a rope! Power here is constantly going off without any warning and staying off for long periods of time. The Lord answered that prayer in 3 ways—1<sup>st</sup> Cedar Hills Baptist Church in Dunlap, IL, supplied the funds to buy us a generator; 2<sup>nd</sup> we found the best generator in Lae—Kubota 8 KVA and lastly he supplied Bill Byers who was here from the States working on a building project for the Bible School. He was able to direct wire the generator to our meter box, so

all I have to do is turn a switch to manual, turn the key, flip on the breaker and we have instant power for the entire house! Thank you Pastor Beddingfield and Church, as well as Bill Byers for supplying us with POWER!

Another major project has been to buy a new vehicle to continue our village work. In the year we were Stateside, the cost of vehicles have increased in price. **We are still lacking \$8,000 to purchase the vehicle.** We are looking and waiting for the truck/vehicle God has planned for us to buy. Please keep this special prayer need before the Lord! The rains continue to flood the Kumalu River and yesterday the area in Bangalum has now flooded and only heavy high-based, 4 wheel drive vehicles are able to go through now. As of now, our vehicle is grounded in Wau until the rains, flooding and landslides cease.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we work together to carry out the great commission as co-workers!

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