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Missionaries to Papua New Guinea

Greetings from Wau! I know we just sent a prayer letter in August, but this news could not wait! **GOD HAS ANSWERED OUR PRAYER FOR A STRONGER VEHICLE!**

After many years of praying, raising funds to purchase a stronger vehicle, and waiting for God to provide the vehicle He had planned for us—God answered our prayers in a wonderful way! Every vehicle we have checked out has either been brand new, costing way too much money, or not fit to drive! Every time we'd go to Lae, I would check out the car lots, but nothing was available even used ones. On August 13, we went to Lae and decided to check out a vehicle that someone was refurbishing, but again it was not worth the money. At that time they told us that someone had just traded in a 2013 Toyota. I went to check it out and I immediately knew this was "the one" God wanted us to have!



We are now the proud owner of a 2013 Toyota Land Cruiser—5-door wagon. It has tinted windows, bull guard, large 16" mountain tires, 4-wheel drive, keyless entry, AC, CD player, fold down seats, and drives really great! We want to thank all of you that had a part in helping us purchase this vehicle! **Your love and generosity to us truly goes beyond words—THANK YOU!**

We have already begun to use the vehicle in our ministry. Last Sunday we were at Emmanuel Baptist Church and after services they filled the whole back of the vehicle with stalks of bananas and other garden produce for our Bible school students. Today I went out to Kaisinik Primary School and 2 other schools to distribute Bibles to all children in the schools, giving out over 1,000 English Bibles. The pastor and men with me stated, "Brother Luther, we think the Lord gave you this vehicle so you could help in the Bible distribution ministry in our area."



We praise God for the opportunity to use this vehicle to continue to reach the people in Papua New Guinea with the Gospel of Christ. I have many trips planned for the next several months. Please be praying with us as we go forth to reaching the lost and encouraging the Christians!

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Dear Pastor Grieme and Central Baptist Church,

We wanted to send a personal thank you for the \$500 the church sent to us on May 22, to be put toward our purchase of a heavier vehicle for our village ministry. We wanted you to be one of the first to know that the Lord has supplied us with a vehicle! Yes, on August 15th we purchased a 2013 Toyota Land Cruiser 5-door Wagon. In our next prayer letter we will be sending more details with pictures to see what you helped us purchase. **Your love and generosity to us truly goes beyond words—THANK YOU!**

We sometimes find it hard to believe that we have been missionaries for 41 years and have lived here for over 38 years! Just as hard to believe is that we have been back on the field for 6 months already. It is truly wonderful to be back home, working, and serving where the Lord has placed us. We appreciate your faithfulness to worldwide missions and us—your missionaries!

May the Lord continue to bless you all there at Central Baptist Church as you endeavor to reach the world for Christ!

Yours for Papua New Guinea,

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