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 AND BEYOND  
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## What Do You Pray For The Zooks When You Don't Know What to Pray?

This newsletter is here to help for you. Just stick this newsletter in your Bible, or tack it on your refrigerator, so you can jog your mind of things to pray for Rick & Anji Zook's family during 2019! You

don't have to pray for everything all at once, but pick one section a day, and pray. We covet your prayers because God does hear them and He does answer them!

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### Highlights of the Last Year

- BOOKS OF JOSHUA, 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS, 1 TIMOTHY, TITUS, AND REVELATION TRANSLATED!
- WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE A TRIP TO LAPILO WHERE WE GOT TO SEE THE DENTIST, DOCTOR, HAIRDRESSER, AND KIRA TOOK PSATS.
- OUR ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE IN A TIMELY MANNER IMPROVED BY BEING ABLE TO INSTALL A VSAT DISH.

### God's Glory

Our heart's desire is that our lives, our ministry, our family, our team, the church, would get to bring Glory to God. You can ALWAYS pray for that.



### Perseverance

We are in a marathon, not a sprint, and so our biggest request for this year is prayer for perseverance. We are in the 4th year of this term overseas. Pray that we would be able to persevere, that we would run the good race. That the work that we do, and the lives that we live, would be honoring and pleasing to God.

Pray for us as we start a new year of translation work. This year we are aiming at translating Judges, Galatians, Colossians, 2 Corinthians, and a couple of Psalms.

Pray that our translation helpers would be faithful and persevere in the work.

Pray that our health would not be a hindrance to getting the work done.

Pray that our equipment perseveres so the work can be done.

Pray for our Mouk coworkers as they persevere in teaching, preaching, and discipleship of the Lusi believers, and work towards raising up leaders among them.



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### Joy

This is not the same as comfort or happiness. This has more to do with the state of satisfaction and peace no matter the circumstances. Who we are in Christ is a source of joy. Joy leads to rejoicing, to exalting God. The ability to praise God even when we are suffering, because we have been found worthy of suffering for His Name. We admit, we're not there yet.

### Our Christian Walk

Pray that day by day we would keep our eyes on the Lord. It is easy to be distracted, even in the bush. It is easy to get our eyes on our circumstances, and go for a roller-coaster ride of ups and downs. Pray that we would be faithful. That we would run the good race (2 Timothy 4:7). That our labors would not be found to be hay, wood, or stubble (1 Corinthians 3:10-15).

### Our Family

Our family is going through a time of change, as we raise teenagers to be less reliant on us, and more reliant on Christ. This year we have a junior and a freshman.

Looking ahead to the future, they are soon going to have a steep learning curve about American culture, driving, jobs, money management, careers, and so much more. Pray that we would be helping them learn the skills now which will help them make the adjustments and transitions coming up.

### Our Marriage

Isn't it amazing how God wired men and women so differently? Isn't it amazing how two become one? However, marriage is always a work in progress.

Pray that God would be putting in place a social support network for them. Pray that they would be seeking God's will for their future.

In our marriage we have the same struggles that other couples have, just intensified by being around each other 24/7 in a ministry context. So you can always pray for our marriage.

- For clear communication.
- For love.
- For respect.
- For patience and long-suffering (forbearance).
- For humbleness.
- For joy.

### Papua New Guinea

This country has been our home for many years and we love it. Over the years we have seen many changes.

Please pray for the PNG government, both local and national.

Pray for New Tribes Mission PNG as an agency working here in PNG.

Pray for the 800+ language groups. There are still many who haven't heard!



### Wisdom & Discernment

While we could choose to spend our time on many good things, we are limited by 24 hours in a day and our human bodies.

Pray that we would have discernment to choose wisely what is God's best for us, our Mouk co-workers, and the Lusi believers, as we develop other Literacy and Biblical resources for tribal believers (Bible lessons, commentary, etc.).



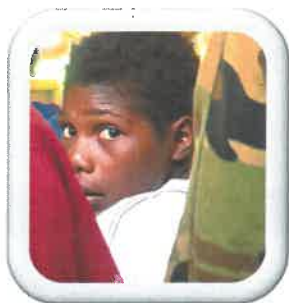
## The Lusi People

The Lusi people live in an area roughly 3 miles deep by 10 miles wide, of rolling volcanic hills, mangrove swamps, and little sandy spits. They have had exposure to education and the western world, but most live a day to day existence.

They have had 50+ years of exposure to a western religion, but their faith is in what they do, so they believe that they can control God and the outcome of their life. But they couldn't tell you the meaning of why Jesus died. Because of this they put a lot of faith in rules and rituals. So few see the need for a savior since they think they are righteous already.

Many want to block those who are interested in hearing the teaching, from actually hearing it, because it might lead to a loss of their power. And Lusi who have heard and believed have been treated poorly by others.

You can pray for the Lusi people. You can pray that changes in the young believers' lives are a witness to them. You can pray for the softening of hearts. You can pray that the Lord will be preparing those He wants to hear.



## The Lusi Church

There have been outreaches in three different areas in Lusi territory. That means discipleship and literacy classes need to go on in three different areas. So our co-workers are spread thin, covering all the different places. You can pray for them as they provide discipleship, and leadership.

The Lusi believers have the unenviable task of untangling truth from falsehoods. Many have been raised up with many false ideas about what it means to pray, to worship, to be a part of the body of Christ. Pray that their relationship with the Messiah would grow, as they grow in their faith. Pray for their faithfulness. Pray for humility to listen to their brothers in Christ. Pray for their unbelieving families.

## Our Team: Our Tribal Co-Workers

Our team is made up of 7 families—6 Mouk missionary families, and 1 American family. A cross-cultural team of many personalities. We are thankful for their willingness to serve far from their hometowns and families. They are people too, who have many of the struggles that you



have with marriages, raising children, educating them, and providing for their families. You can pray that the Lord would provide for their needs. And you can pray many of the same things that you are praying for our marriage and our children. As far as the team itself, you can always pray for communication!

Pray for them, because without them, we could not be here. They are an important part of our team.

## Our Support Teams

Actually we have three support teams. One is made up of other western missionaries serving here in PNG—Pilots, supply buyers, business office, maintenance, and tribal tech., doctors, dentist, and so much more.

The second support team is in our home country. They are headed up by our MST (Missionary Support Team), and they help us with communicating/connectedness, moral and emotional support, and projects.

And the third support team is you. We need you. Without you we would not be able to be here. Thanks for praying!



“AND AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR SUPPORT TEAM IS YOU! THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR US!”



## Assisting the Mouk Local Church to Reach the Lusi and Beyond

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