



Urtons' Utterings



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Passports, Visas, Plane Tickets- Hey, I think it's finally happening!

The passports are here. The visas were approved. Our immunizations are complete. And now the plane tickets have arrived! On March 20th, we leave Chicago, IL and will be on our way to Papua New Guinea (PNG).

After seven long years of studies, training, tears, prayers and paperwork, our goal of serving the people of PNG is finally becoming a reality.

We would not have been able to reach this goal without your prayers and financial support. We love all of you and pray

that you will remember us in your prayers.

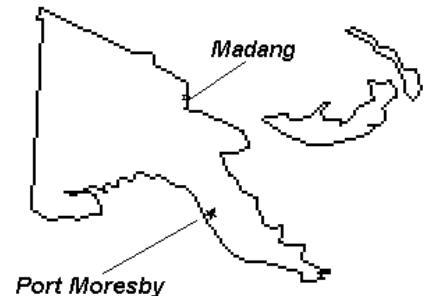
Satan is not happy about what we are preparing to do in PNG so we know that we have a fight on our hands. **Pray** that we continue to rely on God's strength, knowing that God will be glorified in our weaknesses. We are but earthen vessels carrying the message of hope that is within us. **Pray** that we will be transparent vessels so that our living will be a good model.



PBT in PNG

Papua New Guinea is located in the Pacific Ocean just north of Australia. Its population of over 4.3 million is spread out over part of the island of New Guinea and through a chain of tropical islands that extend more than 1,000 miles. PNG has been an area of intense mission activity for a century, yet large numbers of people remain essentially unreached. A major reason why their traditional beliefs co-exist with Christian teaching is because many groups have not yet received the Bible in their own languages.

PBT now has the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of thousands of Papua New Guineans. If we can field

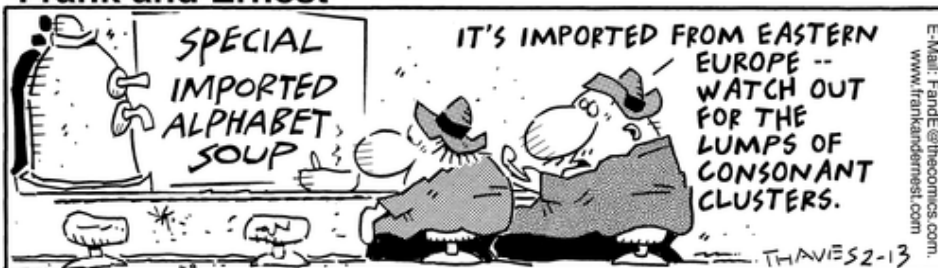


the resources, over 20 people groups are prepared to receive PBT mission teams.

PBT is celebrating its twentieth year of ministry in PNG. This year the first complete New Testament translated by PBT missionaries will be published in the Kire language.



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Stuff About Steph

Stephanie is now a licensed driver! She received her license January 24th and hasn't stopped driving since! It has been sort of nice to have a "gopher"! Stephanie's basketball team finished the season 19-2, and won the area Fresh/Soph tournament. She was able to play the entire season injury free!! That was a change. She usually breaks a finger or

pulls a tendon.

Steph made the honor roll for the first and second nine week grading periods but didn't make it for the semester because of her semester exams. We were still proud of her accomplishments.

Stephanie will home school with us the rest of her sophomore year. She will then go to Ukarumpa in June for her junior year. She could have

gone to the boarding school two weeks after we arrived, but we want her to get acclimated to PNG before sending her away to school.



Ramblings About Ryne

Ryne is now hooked on yo-yo's! He received one from his girlfriend for Valentines Day and hasn't stopped since. He is becoming quite good at it. He does "Round The World," "Rock The Baby," "Spagetti Slurp," and a couple others that we aren't sure of the names.

Ryne also made the honor roll for the first and second nine week grading periods. His behavior in class and turning in his homework has improved! We will also homeschool him for the rest of the fifth grade. He will also be homeschooled for the sixth grade, but there is a teacher

there that will teach him. She will also help us finish up this school year.

Ryne bridged over and is now an official Boy Scout! There isn't a Boy Scout Pack over in PNG so Chris and Ryne will have to do it on there own.





Time Difference, Letters & Packages

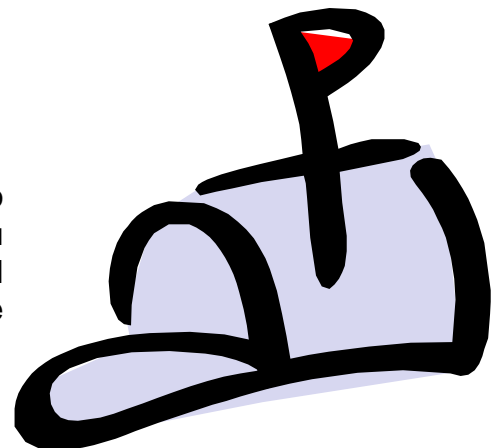


Papua New Guinea Time (AM shaded)	Central Standard Time (AM shaded)	Central Daylight Time & Eastern Standard Time (AM shaded)
12:00 Midnight	8:00	9:00
1:00	9:00	10:00
2:00	10:00	11:00
3:00	11:00	12:00 Noon
4:00	12:00 Noon	1:00
5:00	1:00	2:00
6:00	2:00	3:00
7:00	3:00	4:00
8:00	4:00	5:00
9:00	5:00	6:00
10:00	6:00	7:00
11:00	7:00	8:00
12:00 Noon	8:00	9:00
1:00	9:00	10:00
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We are printing this time table so that we won't be getting phone calls in the middle of the night. Usually a good time for you to call is from 5 PM to 10 or 11 PM. Be prepared though. It usually runs about \$3 a minute unless you have a special calling package like "Pick a country."



Airmail usually takes about 2 to 3 weeks to arrive in PNG. If you send packages by surface mail that can take two or three months to arrive.



Partnership

We are thankful for those who have responded and become financial partners with us. We also are thankful for those who have agreed to be prayer partners with us because we know that prayer is a vital part of this ministry. It is not too late for you to become partners with us. You may send one-time gifts or become monthly, quarterly or semi-annual partners with us. Please send your gifts to:

Pioneer Bible Translators
% Ginny Weber
P.O. Box 281
Morris, IL 60450-0281

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ginny at (815) 941-1750. She will be more than willing to answer any questions that you might have about our ministry. All gifts are tax-deductible and you will receive a receipt for your income tax purposes.

Prayer Matters

Praises:

We are on our way to PNG
Good times with family and friends before we left
Ginny is doing an excellent job

Prayer Concerns:

Adjusting to our new home
Learning Tok Pisin
Safe flight to PNG
Our crate arriving in PNG
Children's schooling in PNG

Our new mailing address

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Madang 511
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

How Do You Get to PNG from Illinois?

Our plane will leave Chicago O'hare airport at 12:14 p.m. on Friday, March 20th. We will arrive in San Jose, CA at 2:45 p.m. Will will stay in San Jose for the weekend. Lori's brother Kim lives there and we will say our final good-byes to him and Lori's mom. She is also flying to California to spend some time with Kim. On March 23rd, we fly from San Jose at 10:30 a.m. to Los Angeles. We leave Los Angeles at 2:20 p.m. and arrive in Honolulu at 6:00 p.m. We have two nights and one full day in Honolulu! We leave Honolulu on March 25th at 8:00 a.m. and arrive in Tokyo on March 26th at 11:50 a.m. We cross the international date line and will lose one day! We have a six hour lay over in Tokyo. We leave Tokyo at 5:55 p.m. and arrive in Hong Kong at 10:00 p.m. We have to overnight in Hong Kong. On March 27th we leave Hong

Kong at 10:00 p.m. and arrive in Port Moresby at 6:30 a.m. We leave Port Moresby at 7:55 a.m. and arrive at our final destination of Madang at 8:55 a.m. on March 28th!

Please keep us and our luggage in your prayers. Lori and Stephanie don't really like to fly that much so this is a lot for them. Pray for our safety in the air and at all of the airports that we will be in. Pray that we can get through customs without having to pay any extra fees or endure any hassles. Pray that we will all stay healthy and that we can enjoy our stops along the way.

