

In The Gap

A Monthly Prayer Guide

Praying for the Needs of the Somau Garia People of Papua New Guinea
and the Owen Family who Minister Among Them

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Dear Gappers,

This month you will find included with your receipt and this letter a 30 day prayer guide. Several years ago we did a similar guide, which was well received and hopefully well used. Our objective in publishing this prayer guide is to give you some direction in general praying. Specifics will be published monthly in this newsletter.

March has seen Spring arrive (in our part of Missouri, anyway): the grass is growing and is nearly ready for the first cutting of the season, the trees are budding, the birds have returned. The coming of spring has brought a flurry of activity. I (Todd) have had several opportunities to speak to mission students at Ozark Christian College. The most requested topic? Spiritual warfare. I've been doing a lot of writing, as a result, preparing handouts for classes, writing the prayer guide (included in this mailing), and making preparations for our spring traveling.

We've pretty much settled into having another little girl in the house, which is definitely good, and we have begun the shift in focus from being here on furlough and transitioning back to our life and work in Papua New Guinea, which is planned for early August. We've begun getting all of Josie's paperwork in order. She has a passport and we are doing the paperwork necessary to bring her into Papua New Guinea as my dependent. It was decidedly easier to do this part from Australia, but . . . Here we are.

As You Pray . . .

- Ask God to provide for a couple of major financial needs. We are preparing in the next month to buy our airline tickets. We are still in the process of arranging our flights, so we don't know the price yet, but estimate \$6,500 to \$7,000. Also, we are raising funds to replace our deteriorating four-wheel drive. This will cost anywhere from \$20,000 to \$45,000.
- Ask God to continually give us renewal in the inner man as we prepare to both travel these next four months and as we, once again, close up our house and life here.
- Ask God to grant a godly unity to the various clans involved in the translation and literacy work, so that these clans can work together in such a way as to make the gospel plain to those around them.
- Ask God to help the Somau Garia translators to have courage, faith, motivation, strength, forgiveness, and tenderness as they live and work at drafting the New Testament.
- Ask God to open our eyes to practical ways that we can be Jesus to those around us.

Give Thanks

- Thank God that he is already providing for finances. We've been setting aside a bit each month the last three years and have a beginning.
- Thank God for those who have already begun sharing in this need. We have received between \$4,000 and \$5,000 so far toward around \$50,000.
- Thank God that he is mindful of the needs of our hearts as well as our physical needs and that he is maturing us in Jesus.
- Thank God for his faithfulness in all things.

We also want to say "thank you" to each of you. Your sacrifice of prayer and of your finances is not forgotten either here or in heaven. Your alms go before God as a fragrant offering.

With gratitude,

Todd, Angela, Andrew, Samuel, Abigail, Hannah, and Josie