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"That they may know that this is thy hand; that Thou, LORD, hast done it."

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Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. --Romans 5:1

Sin reigned unto death; but grace reigned unto life. Much more than the death brought by the first Adam, we have life through the second Adam, and that is received alone by faith. What a simple, yet profound thought. We were hopeless in our sin; but God sent His Son to draw us to Himself. What a Savior!

We are now a month into the last year of Bible School for our six students. I've watched as these men have grown spiritually, and at times I have been overwhelmed at their dedication to the Lord. Two of them are involved in the church-plant at Aminawa with Missionary Andrew Schellenberger; two of them are helping my dad John Allen at Ipaiyu; and next month two of them will go with me to start a new church, but I am getting ahead of myself.

In my last prayer letter, I wrote about a survey I did of the Titikaini area. My heart was burdened more than I can remember in recent years. We have been praying about that area, and the enormous open door that is there. Thousands of Kamea people have migrated to the Titikaini area due to its abundance of food, wildlife, and access to a major road. One afternoon shortly after the survey trip, we held a time of debriefing and prayer. As I wept, broken over the lost condition of the people there, I began to feel God tug my heart with the question, "Why not you?" Lord willing, within the next month, I will begin flying there every week to start a church. Please pray as I take Bible School students Ben and Konos to start this church. I plan to help them start this church. It is vitally important that our men gain confidence in starting churches for themselves, and I plan to put that into practice.

Exciting things are happening at Kotidanga Baptist Church. Pastor James is planning to baptize 21 church members in a few weeks, as well as to commission Preacher Jack Naudi to go start a new church with Missionary Jason Ottosen in Komako. As a side note, last week, the church voted to fully support Preacher Jack as he goes out as Kotidanga's very own national missionary. He got saved at Kotidanga, was trained there, and now they are sending him out. The dream of indigenization is being fulfilled!

We have repeatedly seen God do the miraculous for us this past month. Check out my blog (mattallen.tmk.org) for those stories and many more. We update it frequently with stories about the ministry here in PNG.

Because He lives,
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