

February 7, 2026

Dear Prayer Warriors,  
Greetings from PNG!!!

Through a whirlwind of miracles the Lord open doors for me to come to PNG for a short 6 week stay. The purpose for this trip is to assess the state of our Ukarumpa house that has been sitting unused for nearly 6 years (we left in April 2020), also to sort through Beth's things, purge, pack up. I realize I won't be able to tackle everything in this trip, but hope to make a good start so that someone can live in it if needed. Hopefully I'll be able to return sometime with a few volunteers to help me finish up. 😊

I arrived in PNG a week ago and flew to Ukarumpa on Monday afternoon. (US Sunday evening). I have been living in a friend's flat (who is on furlough) while I work on getting my house livable again.

The first order of business was to get the water working in the house. We have a gravity fed system where the tank water is pumped up to a header tank (on the roof) and then flows into the house. Well, this has been sitting for six years without being used so there was air in the lines so it took quite a while to get all the taps working in the house. Praise the Lord by the afternoon the water was running throughout the house, including the toilets.

The lizards have taken over the house and there was, and still is, a LOT of clean up to do. Praise the Lord for a shop vac to take care of most of this! I'm thankful we had covered all our furniture with towels or sheets so that the mess didn't get on the cushions. Needless to say, I have piles of laundry to get through. I praise the Lord my washing machine is still working too!



I went out to the shop to get the vacuum cleaner and noticed bees flying in and out around the door. When I opened the door, you can guess what I found....yep, a humongous bee hive and swarming bees! Thankfully, the next day a PNGn friend helped me get rid of this nest with 2 cans of insect spray and buckets of water!

Although most of my days have been spent working at the house, I have also gone over to the Literacy office and actually been able to meet some of the staff I had only known from zoom meetings. I spent Friday with the Literacy trainers to help them get prepared for their next course, coming up in a week and half.

#### ***Praising the Lord for: Memorable moments....***

- LOoooNG hugs, with tearful smiles--most of them Papua New Guineans, thanking Papa God that I came back.
- Tin roof rain. I had forgotten the sound of pouring rain on a tin roof. What a welcoming sound!

#### ***Prayer requests:***

1. I need the phone lines to work in the house. The telephone guy is scheduled to work on the lines on Monday morning. Please pray the issues will be easily resolved. I'm thankful the Literacy office is very close to my house so I can run over there to use the internet connection until the phone lines at the house get fixed.
2. As you can imagine for a house to be sitting unused for nearly 6 years there are some maintenance issues that need to be addressed: Rusting gutters, rusting ridge cap, dirty solar panels, overgrown, soil-filled drainage around the house, leaky faucets, and other things I haven't discovered yet. Please pray that I will be able to have these repairs done so that the house will be in better shape when I leave in March.
3. Safety and stamina to keep moving. Walking up and down the hilly, winding gravel roads of Ukarumpa centre can be dangerous. Someone described walking on the rocks as walking on ball bearings or marbles. Very unstable. My ankles are feeling it right now. Also, getting used to the 5,000 ft altitude again will take some time.

Thank you for your prayers.

In the grip of His grace,

Joy