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MISSIONARIES TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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Over the past several months we have been involved in various work projects in Kotidanga Village in the mountains of Gulf Province. Sam helped run a portable sawmill, collecting the logs from the mountain slopes and then cutting them into boards, which provides wood for the nationals, mission property, and trail bridges.



Mary Beth enjoyed helping in the obstetrics clinic when one of the team nurses was away. She has also joined in some special music. She continues to home school Tommy, who will be six years old this month. She has recently been including the national pastor's daughter in some of Tommy's classes. Leland turned three last month and enjoys joining in school as well. Bethany is one year old.



Sam had the privilege of preaching at Kotidanga Baptist Church with Pastor Ben translating. We are continuing to learn Melanesian Pidgin.

We submitted our paperwork for a three-year work visa in January and have to leave the country after 60 days until that is approved. The final process cannot be completed until we are out of the country. Weather permitting, on March 3 we will fly by helicopter back to Port Moresby, then by plane to Cairns, Australia, on March 8 to await the work visa. While in Cairns, Sam plans to get a tonsillectomy. We have decided to remain in Australia for the operation and visa process rather than travel back to the States. There is a missionary guesthouse where we will stay. Mary Beth's parents plan to come help us with the children. We were unsure of how all of the dates would work out, but both the Australian family doctor and specialist have been very helpful in setting up dates ahead of time to speed up the process, including working Sam in during a cancellation. The Lord is putting the pieces of the puzzle together for us.

Thank you for partnering with us for the light of the glorious gospel of Christ,
Sam, Mary Beth, Tommy, Leland, and Bethany Snyder

