

Personal Note

Dear Family & Friends,

Greetings once again from Tyler, Texas!

We all experience dealing with the challenges that happen in everyday life. Things unexpectedly occur which slow the process of what we are trying to accomplish or discourage us. This outreach to Papua New Guinea definitely had many challenges occur including:

- Visa problems forced us to enter Papua New Guinea as tourist instead of missionaries.
- Half of the original teaching team was not able to come.
- Transportation delays including not being able to find a pilot that could fly the team directly to the Dadibi tribe.
- The day before we left for our outreach location one person had to go and work through things at home.
- Another individual committed to help us teach, but never showed up and made the Dadibi teaching team short staffed.
- A fight that broke out in the village on the first day of the Bible course. One person lost one-half of his right small finger and his father took a machete blow to the back of the head.
- Some church leaders did not come to the Bible course for the first two days because they were with the other community leaders trying to cope with the fight that happened on Monday.
- A court case took place on Wednesday of the first week with the whole village in attendance and therefore classes for the Bible course were canceled for that day
- Therefore with all the delays mentioned above, some of the teachings I had prepared had to be canceled and sometimes at the last minute

With all that happened on this outreach God taught me several things in regards to challenges that happen in everyday life. I learned was to be flexible in the midst of difficulties and adjust to meet the current need. Also, to focus on the task at hand, not let circumstances or, how I feel dictate my actions but, to lean on God to overcome them.

To be victorious in life, it will be necessary for us to be constant over comers with larger challenges to come in days ahead. For me, these times of character building are at times not pleasant but, necessary in order to bring liberty to mankind.

Well friends, that's what's been happening in my life over the past two months. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as God directs you.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,