

December 19, 2025

Dear Family & Friends,

Greetings. We are doing well and trust you all are too.

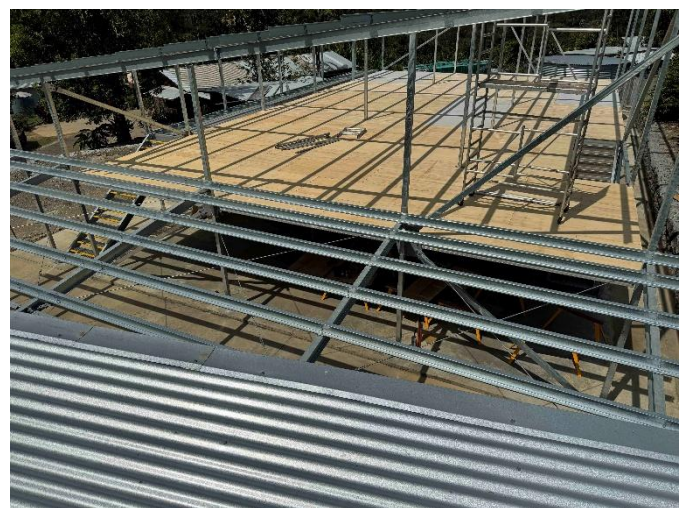
Volunteer Work Team to PNG July 9-August 6, 2025.

We are playing catch-up with this letter, as we did not get the report for this trip sent out to you all. The trip went well and we were able to get a lot accomplished on the Clinic at GBBC (Goroka Baptist Bible College).

Jono, our contractor from Australia, and some volunteers from Australia worked alongside our PNG nationals in April, May and June, and were able to get most of the steel erected for the two-story GBBC Clinic.

Each workday morning, I led our “Workshop Devotions” with all the volunteers as well as all our national workers. We read a passage of scripture and had a discussion about the passage. We had a time of prayer and ended by singing a chorus (in Pidgin). This was our first highlight of the day! We enjoyed our comradery and banter each day. The end of each day was also a highlight as we viewed the work the Lord helped us accomplish that day!

Our first task was to put down the second-floor sub-flooring, so we could finish the roof bracing, plumb and square all the walls and beams. Then we were able to align all the purlins and get those bolts tightened in place.



Then we started, and finished, the sheet metal roofing on the Clinic with the insulation under the sheets



We also put the metal roof on the carport, along with the insulation under those sheets. We spent a lot of time working on all the sheet metal soffits around the whole building. This included a lot of building of scaffolding, tearing down scaffolding, and rebuilding the scaffolding as we worked our way around the building.

There are 130 solar panels to go on the roof of the Clinic. Our electrician was able to get all rails installed for the panels, as well as the cable tray to carry the power from the far end of the roof to the end near the generator house. The cable tray drops down to the Carport roof and then goes on into the generator house. We were able to install the inverter on the Carport roof, that all the solar panels feed into, then sends the power into the generator house.



Jono, along with some other Volunteers from Australia, were able to go back to PNG in September. They worked with our PNG nationals to accomplish a lot of tasks. All 130 solar panels have been installed on the roof of the Clinic and are producing 50 KW of power – enough to run the whole GBBC Campus! GBBC has PNG power, but they have been running the campus generator about 50% of the time, about 12 hours a day. The diesel fuel bill for that generator is quite expensive. The College is now saving several thousand dollars a month by NOT burning diesel fuel! GOD IS SO GOOD!!! Praise the Lord!!

Jono made two more trips to PNG in October and November. He worked with our PNG nationals, and they were able to get all the exterior and interior walls built for the Clinic with the metal bottom shoes, top plates and studs. PTL!

I was scheduled to go back to Romania to build the 3rd cabin at the Youth Camp and Training Center for 3 weeks in September. However, due to a medical emergency, I was not able to make that trip. It was difficult to send my team without me, but GOD IS GOOD, and the team was able to get done all the work that we had planned to do. PTL!

The short story is that I did 4 back-to-back flights home from PNG on Aug 6. I flew 24 hours over a span of 31 hours. Apparently, I did not get up and walk around enough and did not stay hydrated. I ended up spending two days in the hospital over Labor Day weekend. They did a Heart Cath, and that came back completely clear, no blockages of any kind anywhere! PTL! They did a CT Scan of my lungs without and with contrast, and my lungs lit up like a Christmas tree. It was determined that I acquired a blood clot in my legs on those flights that broke up and ended up in my heart as “Multiple Pulmonary Emboli” (blood clots). There were so many in the capillaries of my lungs that my heart was racing at 110 beats per minute – nearly double my normal resting rate of 60 bpm. They gave me IV blood thinners that first night, and my heart rate stayed between 80-90 all night. They switched me to the pill form the next day, and I will be on blood thinners for six months, until the end of February 2026. I have passed all the tests and follow-up visits, so I am cleared to travel once again. I will have to wear compression socks, stay hydrated, get an aisle seat and get up and walk around every hour on all my flights from now on. The Lord definitely spared my life! PTL! My work is not finished yet.

Next Trip.

I, Bill, will be going back to PNG from March 5-27, 2026. There are two teams going in January and two teams going in February. They will be building all the door and window frames for the Clinic. They will do the high trim for the siding as well as the door and window trim for some of the doors and windows. In March, we will be installing the

exterior siding. A lot of work on a two-story building, and a lot of work cutting around all the doors and windows. I have a guy from Minnesota going with me. However, we could use a couple more guys who know how to do metal siding. If you are interested in going on this trip with me, reach out to me at your earliest convenience. Thanks!

We want to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** for your faithful financial support on our behalf. Our supporting churches are faithful in giving every month. **THANK YOU!** Our individual supporters are faithful in giving every month. **THANK YOU!** We also have several of you folks who send in gifts from time to time. **THANK YOU!** For anyone who would like to give financially, you can do so online via this link: www.abwe.org/tobias Thank You!

THANK YOU ALL, too, for all your thoughts and prayers for us. For Debbie as she stays home to hold down the fort when I am gone. She is doing better physically, gaining a little more strength and stamina over this past year. For safety in travel and on the jobsite, that we will be able to get a lot accomplished, and as we give all the honor and glory to God.

As we close this epistle, we also want to wish you all a ***Merry Christmas!***
And a ***Happy New Year!***

We trust that you will be able to rejoice with family and friends as you celebrate the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! The world is a mess, but our **HOPE** is in the Lord!

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11. And Mt 1:21,
“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”

You all take care, keep up the good work, and God Bless!

Still under His Renovation,

Bill & Debbie

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