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Jonathan's New Position

As of the beginning of May, Jonathan has taken on the role of director of our mission aviation program here in Papua New Guinea (PNG). This means that he oversees the whole program which includes flight, maintenance and ground support. The plan is for Jonathan to be in this role until January when the previous director will return from furlough. In order to take on this role, Jonathan has needed to step out of the cockpit.

Carrie's Brother's Wedding

Carrie will be traveling to the US for about six weeks this summer in order to attend her brother Eric Rekstad's wedding (to Tracey Anderson). Weddings are a once in a lifetime event and Carrie is very much looking forward to being there. The wedding is in Minnesota on July 17. We wish that our whole family could go, but have decided against it for several reasons (expense, COVID travel restrictions, we got stuck in the US for four months last year after Nathan's wedding, etc.). So, Jonathan, Julia and Rachel will remain in PNG and Carrie will represent us. Carrie will be in the US from June 13 - July 24.

Leaving PNG Next Year

We have been serving in PNG for 22 years (having first arrived in August 1999). Next year (June 2022) we are planning to leave PNG for a new assignment at the JAARS mission aviation headquarters in Waxhaw, NC. JAARS is needing field experienced pilots to train new pilots heading to the mission field – a role that Jonathan is very interested in filling. In that new role, we will continue to be missionaries with Wycliffe and LBT and will continue to need your prayer and financial partnership.

One of the reasons for taking a reassignment in the USA is to be near Rachel during her college years since her siblings will all be done with college. Another reason is to be near our aging parents and available to help them as needed.



*Rachel and her date dressed up for Banquet
(See Kids' Korner for more)*

And, since JAARS needs field experienced pilots, that is a good fit as well.

Julia's Teaching

As you already know, Julia is with us here in PNG teaching at the school that we have here for missionary kids. Julia's first year of teaching first grade went really well. She loved it, and by all indications, her students loved her! The school year ended on the 4th of June. The very next week, Julia dived into teaching missionary kids at a PNG orientation course. The course is for new missionaries who have recently arrived in PNG. While the adults are learning about life and culture in PNG, Julia is teaching similar material to the children in a way that's understandable and fun for them.



Julia teaching in first grade

Kids' Korner

Nathan and Sarah will be celebrating their first anniversary on July 25th. Nathan is busy finishing up his flight training at the School of Missionary Aviation Technology. He will be graduating at the end of August.

Read about Julia in the main text of this newsletter.

Last month Leah finished her classes in the elementary education program at Concordia University Wisconsin. She will be doing her student teaching in the fall. Leah will be graduating in December of this year and then is planning to come to teach in PNG just like Julia is doing. (We need more teachers. Interested? <http://teachbeyond.org/PNG>)

Rachel has just finished her junior year of high school, so she'll be starting her senior year at the end of July. Rachel went to her first Banquet last month. "Banquet" here at Ukarumpa is for the juniors and seniors and is similar to prom in the US. It's a special evening with dinner, games and entertainment.

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Once the PNG orientation course is over, Julia will have about four weeks to get ready for the next school year which begins on July 27th. She'll be teaching first grade again.

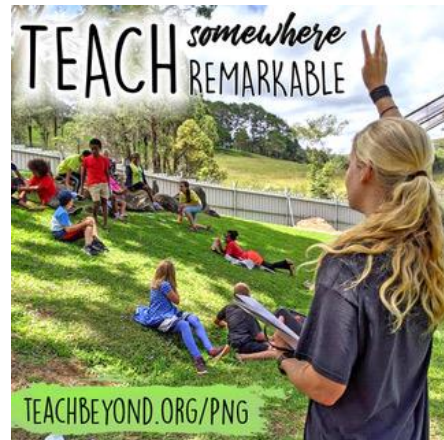
Prayer and Praise

- ➔ *Praise the Lord that teaching is going very well for Julia.*
- ➔ *Praise the Lord that Nathan & Leah are finishing up their education. Pray that they finish well.*
- ➔ *Pray for Jonathan in his new role as Director of Aviation.*
- ➔ *Pray that Carrie will have a safe and uneventful trip to the US for her brother Eric's wedding and then back again to PNG.*

Your Partners in Christ,

Jonathan & Carrie

*Jonathan and Carrie
Nathan and Sarah,
Julia, Leah and Rachel*



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