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Leaving PNG!

Our final five months in Papua New Guinea (PNG) went very quickly! In our last newsletter we mentioned that Leah had arrived to help out at the school until we all left PNG in June. Those five months were a whirlwind of activity.

Jonathan finished up his job as aviation director and had some time to hand over to the new director. He also enjoyed one final week of flying after he handed over the director position. Carrie slowly eased out of substitute teaching so that she could focus on getting things ready for our departure from PNG. Julia finished up her second year as the 1st grade teacher while Leah worked as an aide in grades 3 and 1 and at times filled in as a substitute. And, Rachel completed her final year of high school and all the things that went along with that (final exams, final choir and band concerts, graduation, etc...)

For our last three weeks in PNG, Nathan and Sarah were able to join us, which was a huge blessing to us to have our entire family there as we left PNG. Nathan and Sarah came to be there for Rachel's graduation and were also a very big help in getting our house ready to be sold and all our things packed up.

After living in PNG for 23 years, the goodbyes were very hard. We already miss our friends, our home, and the work that we were doing there.

Settling in to the US

We arrived in Charlotte, NC, late in the day on June 15th, after 52 hours of travel! We are currently living at the JAARS center where Wycliffe's aviation headquarters is located. Right now we are renting a house, but in September we are looking forward to moving into our own house.

Life has been very busy since we've returned as we take time to settle in and take care of logistics. We've been doing things like setting up phones, buying vehicles and



Family all together in PNG

getting Rachel ready for college. We've also taken some time for R&R and family reunions.

Julia has moved to Florence, SC, (an hour and a half away from us) where she is starting a job teaching 4th grade at a Christian school called The King's Academy. We've been helping her move and get settled.

For those who haven't heard, Leah has returned to PNG to teach 2nd grade for the next six months. She arrived in PNG on July 22nd and school began on July 26th. So, we were also busy helping Leah get ready to return to PNG on her own. Leah does need prayer and financial partners to support this short-term mission trip with Wycliffe. Let us (or Leah) know if you would like to partner with her Wycliffe ministry and/or receive her newsletter.

Nathan and Sarah have just moved to Perry, IA (see more info on the next page). They also just sent out a newsletter. Let us (or them) know if you'd like a copy.

Our next assignment

As we've mentioned in our past newsletters, we are taking a new assignment at the Jaars mission aviation headquarters here in Waxhaw, NC. Jonathan will be training and preparing new missionary pilots for service on the mission field.



Rachel's Graduation

The Next Federwitz Generation

Nathan and Sarah have just moved to Perry, IA. Sarah finished up her course work at Fort Wayne Seminary in the deaconess program and is now doing a one-year internship at a Lutheran nursing home in Perry. They have a very good living arrangement there at the Lutheran home. Nathan will be looking for a job and is also planning to get his flight instructor rating so that he can work as a flight instructor as he continues to build flight hours.

Julia is settling into her new home in Florence, SC, as she starts her new teaching job in 4th grade. She has a wonderful roommate, Bethany, who is also a new teacher this year at the same school as Julia. Bethany grew up in Ukarumpa and was just a couple years ahead of Julia in school. What a blessing for Julia to have a roommate she knows! The first day of school for Julia is August 10th.

Leah is back in PNG to teach 2nd grade for the first six months of school to help fill a need in the teaching staff. School for Leah began on July 26th and she will teach the first semester, ending on December 13th. She will return to the US after these next six months. She's excited to have the opportunity to teach in the school she attended as a child, but is also a bit anxious about being on her own in PNG for the first time without her family.

Rachel graduated from high school on June 3rd. She enjoyed a very busy final few months of school with all of the "lasts" that happened while also spending as much time as she could with all of her friends before they all left for different parts of the world. Rachel is now busy getting ready for life in the US (driver's license, bank account, etc.) and is looking forward to attending Concordia University Wisconsin starting on August 23rd. She will be studying to become a high school math teacher.

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We are thankful for all of you who have supported us with your prayers and finances during our 23 years in PNG. Our new assignment with Jaars will continue to need your prayer and financial partnership. In this new assignment, we continue to be missionaries with Wycliffe and Lutheran Bible Translators supporting the work of Bible Translation around the world.

In the coming months we will be traveling to speak at churches and visit with many of you, our faithful partners, to report on these last few years of ministry in PNG and give more details about our future ministry with Jaars. Now is a good time for you to contact us if you'd like to make sure to schedule a visit with us. Our goal is to start our new assignment with Jaars in the spring of 2023.

Prayer and Praise

➔ *Praise the Lord that Leah made it safely to PNG.*

➔ *Praise the Lord for 23 years of ministry in PNG.*

➔ *Pray for us we transition to the US. Even though this is our own country, we haven't really lived in the US for a very long time and things are very different. We often feel very overwhelmed.*

➔ *Pray for each of our kids as they all begin a new chapter in their lives. With our entire family going through transition, we covet your prayers.*

Your Partners in Christ,



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

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