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# A Little Federwitz Family

Pre-flight Checklist

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## Final Checks

Before every flight Nathan embarks on, he completes a pre-flight check. For this he runs through a list of things that need to be double-checked on the aircraft to ensure that everything on the airplane is in good order and working properly.

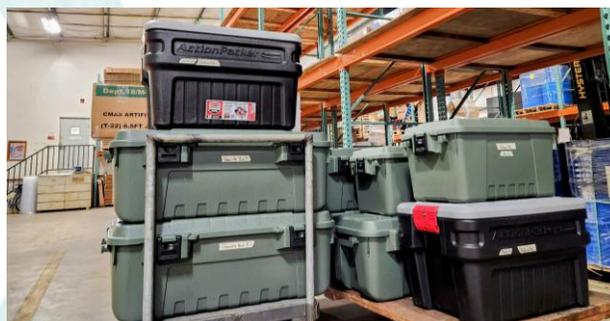


As we anticipate moving overseas soon, it seems we are in the midst of a stage of “pre-flight checks.” Before we can move to Papua New Guinea (PNG), there is a long list of items that need to be completed—visas need to be applied for and approved, immunizations need to be received, travel plans arranged, etc... Though this is a long list, all of these things are important to ensure that we are able to make it safely to our destination, and allow us to transition smoothly to living in a new country.

## Making Big Steps

We are excited to share some of the big checklist items we have already completed! **Nathan applied for his PNG work permit and visa in early December and received his approval in mid-January!** Sarah and the boys’ visa applications have now been sent to the PNG government, so we are now waiting to receive those approvals.

Another big task on our checklist was to prepare our overseas shipment. We wanted to collect enough clothes for the boys to wear in the next few sizes. We also sent some of our kitchen items and a few things that were important to our family (our Christmas tree and ornaments for an example). These things would be difficult to replace in a remote place like the mission center where we will be living. **It was a big task, but we were able to pack it all and take our shipment to JAARS’ shipping department.** God willing, we will see these boxes again in a few months at our new home in PNG!



*Our shipment waiting to be sent across the ocean, hopefully in April, to Papua New Guinea!*

# Household Setup

Preparations are already beginning on the Papua New Guinean side of our move. We have a house lined up for our family to move into. It will need some renovations -- new large appliances, replace railing balusters, and other small items that need freshening up. Another large expense that we anticipate is a motorcycle for Nathan to use in his daily commute to the airport. Lutheran Bible Translators has set up a fund to help cover these expenses. We have reached **45% funding** for this special project. Would you consider giving a special gift to close the gap on the remaining 55%?

You can donate to our household setup fund by following the link on our website ([lbt.org/nsfederwitz](http://lbt.org/nsfederwitz)) or via check made out to Lutheran Bible Translators with “NS Federwitz Special Project” in the memo.



*The house we will be moving into in PNG.*

If the rest of our paperwork, appointments, and final preparations go well, **we anticipate that our family will be moving to Papua New Guinea shortly after Easter of this year!**

Thank you so much for your prayers and support! We would not be able to make these final moving plans if it were not for the love, generosity, and prayers of so many people who want to see the people of Papua New Guinea receive God’s Word in the language they know best!

## PNG Translation Spotlight

The Zia people, located on the Waria River in Morobe province, received the New Testament in 1980. **Now the Zia desire the full Bible in their own language**, so a dedicated team of local translators has undertaken the translation of the Old Testament.

**However, travel for training and collaboration is both challenging and costly, requiring days of walking and boat rides across rugged terrain.** The Zia team remains steadfast, relying on God to provide for their needs for the translation project.

*Pray that this team remains faithful in their mission, and that resources may be provided to reduce the barriers that this team faces!*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise that Nathan received his work permit and visa!
- Pray that the visas for Sarah and the boys would be approved in time for our move.
- Pray that our final preparations, appointments, and planning would go smoothly, without any hiccups.
- Pray that we will be able to have “good” goodbyes with family and friends over the next couple of months.

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