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A Little Federwitz Family

Joyful, Joyful, and Thanksgiving

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With a Grateful Heart!

Of all the reasons we have to give thanks this holiday season, one of the biggest is you! It has been a big year for our family! After years of preparation, we finally moved to Papua New Guinea (PNG)! We are thankful for a smooth transition, endurance, safety, and health. **We thank God for leading us in His will and carrying us along the way. And we thank Him for the wonderful support system He has given us of family and friends far and near.** We include **you** in this list. **Thank you!**

A Year of Milestones

It has been a crazy year of preparation and goodbyes, as well as settling and meeting new people. **We want to emphasize a few of our 2026 highlights.**



In February, we had a mad dash to finalize our household shipment so that our belongings would be able to arrive in PNG not long after we moved. Here all our shipment items finally arrived in PNG.



By May we received all the necessary paperwork to move overseas. Here we are at the airport, ready to start our long journey across the ocean and begin our new life in PNG.



To help us successfully live and serve in PNG, we participated in an orientation class (pictured) involving language learning, anthropology, and village living. To conclude orientation, we spent 10 days living in a remote village.



We are thankful to live close to Leah and Freddie, Nathan's sister and her husband. The boys love that we can see their house from our front window.

Life Lately

Now that we have completed PNG Orientation, we have been settling into our roles and regular routines. Nathan spent a few days in the capital city to take his final PNG aviation written exam, which he passed. And he has been cleared to fly with passengers as long as he has an instructor pilot present. He is very glad to finally be back in the cockpit on the controls.



Nathan with one of his instructors. This was a check flight to assess whether Nathan could be allowed to fly with passengers.

Sarah and the boys are settling into routines at home. The boys have continued to attend daycare and love to get to play with their friends. This gives Sarah more time to get work done at home. On the days the boys do not go to daycare, Sarah has been doing "preschool" with them at home. They mostly read stories and learn letters, shapes, and numbers. It has been fun for the boys to do "school" at home. Sarah likes that it gives some structure to their day as well.





Their favorite story that we have read so far is *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*. They love that there is a coconut tree in this story which we saw plenty of while we were in the village.

Christmas Blessings

We pray that you may have a blessed Advent and Christmas this year. May this season be one of reflection, rest, and joy as we once again anticipate and celebrate the birth of Jesus our Savior.

Merry Christmas!



Blessings,

Nathan and Sarah

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for His many blessings to us this year and for a strong start to our family's ministry.
- Pray that God would give us grace for one another and strength as we look ahead to our first full year in PNG.
- Please continue to pray for rain as **PNG is still experiencing a devastating drought** due to El Niño. Most Papua New Guineans rely on their rivers and gardens daily. They typically eat what they can grow themselves, so this drought is severely impacting their food supply.

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