

Where there is no vision, the people perish...

CHAD WELLS FAMILY

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



January – March, 2021

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

We had 3 major goals for this furlough when leaving PNG back in October (along with some other smaller goals). Two of these have come to pass and we are now working on the 3rd. The first one was the surgery for my ankle, which was supposed to take place just days after arriving in country. Unfortunately, with all the restrictions my surgeon couldn't get the time slots needed at the hospital and it kept getting postponed. He finally referred us to a new surgeon who would be able to get the time. All of this put off getting the surgery until after the 2nd goal was already completed.

Amber and Dillon Lockwood were married January 29th at our home church, Treasure Valley Baptist, in Meridian, ID. It was a beautiful wedding and the newlyweds are very happy! Pastor DeMichele performed the ceremony, as he did for Kirsten and I over 25 years ago. Although we will miss having Amber with us we are very happy that she and Dillon are settling into their new life, serving God together. We look forward to seeing how God will continue to use them in the future and we pray that God will use them in a mighty way.

A few days after the wedding I was able to get my foot surgery. It was a little more complicated than expected and ended up taking almost 7 ½ hours. The surgeon is very optimistic that I will make a full recovery and that it will be better than it has been in years. He said that the swelling and pain should be minimal by the time we plan on returning to PNG this fall. I had the cast on for 6 weeks and am now in a walking boot. The pain is lessening each week and I have been able to start preaching again.

This leads us to our 3rd goal, of which we are now in the midst. We are working to report and see as many of you as possible. Because of the delayed surgery our time is shorter, but we are doing what we can. We started off with preaching a family conference in California. We are now making our way east.

Please pray for John and Sailas, in New Guinea, as they continue looking after the mission station and preaching in our two newest church plants. The Justin Dye family and Melanie Ellis are working hard to get back to PNG and early May is looking promising. Please pray that all of their paperwork will be done in time and that all the requirements, quarantine scheduling, and approvals will fall in place. We look forward to joining them in a few months.

Because of God's Grace,

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