



SPREADING THE GOSPEL IN

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



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Nancy and Lloyd live in Texas and have two daughters, fourteen grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

This trip was exceptional! We prayed with many people, and God confirmed his Word like never before. We saw much healing and freedom and witnessed hope born and faith strengthened. So much credit goes to the priests, who had the people ready. Every one of them was loved and respected by their parishioners. By their words and actions, they are wonderful examples of holiness to the people.

📍 GOROKA

The people were grateful that God allowed us to come to them. We focused healing on Jesus by using the following model: The priest placed Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on a small table in front of the altar, and people came forward to touch the base of the monstrance, or “the hem of his garment” (Mt 9:20). They knelt, told Jesus their needs, and received prayer. We received many heartfelt testimonies of healing and built-up faith.

We prayed over a man named Patrick, who was on crutches. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer, but that doesn’t normally cripple the spine. He had entrusted a family member with his entire clan’s funds while he was in the hospital—and the family member wasted all of it. Patrick experienced unforgiveness over many years. We prayed, he forgave—and was able to leave his crutches behind.

A physician had experienced knee pain every day for five months, but she never sought relief. We prayed for her, and God reduced the swelling and took away the pain!



People prayed while touching the base of the monstrance, or “the hem of his garment” (Mt 9:20).



📍 CHIMBU

We spent four packed days teaching an evangelization workshop for one-hundred pastoral workers and catechists, and many participants experienced healings. I was able to pray for a priest in a wheelchair. He was not healed, but his eyes were opened to the love of God and more of what God has for him.

One young man said he had brought drugs to the program and intended to use them, but after he was ministered to with forgiveness and renunciation, he lost all desire for drugs and threw them away!

We also taught and prayed with three-hundred people at a technical school. These young people had dropped out of school, and this program gave them a second chance. We told them there were no accidents in the room. God chose them for this time in history and has a good plan for each of their lives. We spoke briefly on the Five Keys from Unbound: repentance and faith, forgiveness, renunciation, taking authority, and the Father's blessing. We also led them in the DeGrandis prayer on forgiveness, which you can view at www.renewalministries.net/forgivenessprayer. I feel God arranged our being there and we made a difference in many of their young lives.

📍 MT. HAGAN

The highlands have many tribal conflicts, and we spoke to young people greatly affected by that and various forms of witchcraft. We affirmed their identity and destiny, and we challenged them to respond to the Lord's call to holiness and the path to peace.

Later, we taught for several hours at an out-station with concrete floors and no water or electricity—but with Jesus in the tabernacle. Then, we travelled to another location with over one-hundred participants. It was late, but we taught and ministered in the dark with one or two battery-powered lights. We couldn't see most of their faces but heard the sniffles after we spoke about forgiveness.

📍 MENDI

When Lloyd and I spoke to the elementary kids, they screamed, "Jeeesuuus, I trust in You!" Their priest has taught them well!

In the evening, we hosted a program for lay leaders, parishioners, and a few Protestants. I gave our testimony and Lloyd taught apologetics.

The priest invited leaders, mostly youth leaders, from many parishes for our main program. He is joyful, oozes holiness, and is always concerned for the welfare of everyone around him. All of the Polish priests in PNG are impressive and want more for their parishioners. We taught the Five Keys for a couple of days, and the people loved it.

One night, Father learned that a parishioner's teenage daughter was dying, and we went to the family. The beautiful young girl had heart failure and was unbaptized. They had brought her from the hospital to die at home. Her mother had been baptized a Catholic only months before and knew the importance of it. Father Robert baptized the girl and gave her the anointing of the sick. We prayed over her. She got better but died a few days later. It broke our hearts, but we give thanks that she was able to be baptized!

We held a healing service the next night at which people knelt in front of Jesus in the monstrance, touched the "hem of His garment," told Him what they needed, and received prayer. It was a joyful and poignant night. Seeing young children kneel, reach out their little hands in great faith, and pray to the King of Kings filled us with hope!

📍 MADANG

Lloyd taught apologetics and I taught the Five Keys to seventy-five seminarians who face many attacks against the Catholic Church. Witchcraft has more of a grip on the lives of people than Catholicism. Also, the seminarians have been barely catechized and never evangelized. We devoted time to answering many of their questions.

We also met with a large group of young people at a vocational school. I sang a song and taught them hand motions, which they loved! Lloyd then taught them apologetics, and I taught about forgiveness and led them in the Forgiveness Prayer. The staff and students were very happy! One never knows what God will do in their lives. We try to be faithful and present the Gospel in a way they can understand and leave the results to God!

The next day, we flew to Port Moresby to teach and minister to future priests for three days. It was difficult to listen to their stories of abuse, violence, and various forms of witchcraft. They also struggle with addictions. Our hearts go out to them. As I prayed, many of these young men found freedom, and they all now have a model to help themselves overcome the many obstacles to priesthood. They also were excited to learn "street apologetics" from Lloyd.

We spent three days ministering to seminarians at Holy Spirit Seminary in Port Moresby.

