Dr. Becky in Papua New Guinea

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Prayers and Praises from Kudjip Nazarene Hospital

Dear Family and Friends,

I do hope that this letter finds you doing well. I have been so busy with life that time has gotten away from me. I now have two months of things to share with you! First, as I think you have already heard, I am engaged! Matthew Preece asked me to marry him July 5th while we were in Cairns. I immediately said yes! We are so thrilled for the future that God has for us. We are planning on getting married here in PNG October 22nd, and then have receptions back home. After that we will return to PNG to continue my service at Kudjip until my contract ends in April. After that, we are still praying about what God would have for me. But we know most likely that Matt will continue his work as an engineer with Mission Aviation Fellowship. It is an exciting and busy time. (Try planning a wedding over 3 countries, it isn't easy!).

It has been a real blessing to be a part of helping some of our heart kids. Seeing them get properly screened, treated, and some to get life-saving surgery. Romania (otherwise known for months as baby of Sephora), is one of those special kids. She has a defect called coarctation of the aorta. Basically her main artery is narrowed giving her body much less oxygenated blood that it needs. She lived in the hospital for a few months and finally was able to go home. Then we got her to Mt. Hagen, off to Lae, and finally she just flew yesterday to Port Moresby to have surgery that is going to

Prayer Requests—

- Strength and comfort for our family after Grandma's home going
- wisdom for each doctor and their various tasks
- healing for me from my bad virus

Praises—

- Matt and I's engagement
- Surgery for some of our paediatric heart patients like Romania!
- Work and witness team and great volunteers
- New national doctor, Imelda
- My faithful prayer and financial supporters!

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change her life! We (Dr. Steph and I) are so grateful! We couldn't have done it without your prayers and the help of Airlines PNG that paid for her and her mom's ticket to the capitol. Praise God for this program! I know of at least two others that received surgery for their PDA's (an opening in their heart that should have closed after birth). So that is at least 3 kids with life changing surgery this year!

Some days in clinic are just blessed days. This was one of them. I got to see little Jessica, who is about 6 years old. About a year ago, she was comatose for over 2 months. We thought she was going to die or be severely disabled for the rest of her life. Through diligent medical attention and lots of prayers, God answered. He not only woke her up, but brought her back to nearly normal function. She is a funny, outgoing little girl. Her parents are quite proud to show her off!

The first part of July, I was able to join Matt for the MAF annual conference. We joined over 125 members for a weekend retreat in Madang. This is a gorgeous coastal place. Then we flew to Cairns for a week holiday with his parents and sister. It was of course a great trip because I got engaged there, but also because I was able to spend time with his family, who live in Sydney. We visited some beautiful locations including Kuranda, Atherton tablelands where his grandfather trained for one campaign during the war, and Green Island on the Great Barrier Reef.

Just over one week after I shared the good news with my grandma, I received word that she

went on to be with Jesus. She was 79 and had followed the Lord since she was 6 years old. She left behind a worn out body, and exchanged it for one in glory with her Savior whom she loved! She served him with joy, leaving behind many hundreds of children whom she had led to Christ. She also left behind an amazing legacy of love, hospitality, the gift of giving, and service. We will truly miss her but look forward to the day when we can see her again with Jesus in Heaven. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16—now that is Good News!

May you know this Jesus, who loves you and died for you. May you know his grace and peace, and that you can have assurance of life for all eternity. If you believe this, tell it to someone today! God bless you friends.

Love, Dr. Becky