

Schering Prayer Update  
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***The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.  
My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.  
The Lord is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.  
Save your people and bless your inheritance;  
Be their Shepherd and carry them forever.***

Psalm 28:7-8

- 1) Thank you so much for praying for our trip over the ocean. Though we were boxed in and cramped with no extra seats this time, we both slept much better than we anticipated on the longest leg of the flight.
- 2) The 10 days spent in Pt Moresby connecting with other missionaries and PNG national leaders were so worthwhile. Eric made a quick trip to Goroka (flight connections to Goroka are difficult from anywhere else in the country), where he arranged an April pastors' workshop for David Wakuri and himself and met with key people.
- 3) Pray for coordination of Religious Instruction materials going to 200 students in one high school in the highlands and to 3,000 in another (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>) in the Highlands in and around Goroka. We praise God for motivated pastors and pray for students to be convicted of sin and to commit to righteousness in Jesus.
- 4) The PIM teachers are scheduled to come from their home villages to Ambunti for their in-service on January 28, two days after Eric and I plan to arrive there. The Lord is our strength and shield. We humbly ask your prayers to feed them in eternal and satisfying ways and to nourish them IN JESUS.

**Cultural Corner:** Daily the PNG newspapers and blogs are full of incidents of corruption and disappointing headlines, but today one article shines like a beacon. A high-level government official says Bible studies should become a core subject in schools in the country. He says Religious Instruction classes have faded away in many public schools. "This is beginning to hurt the country. Lack of discipline has manifested into social ills. . . . We must seriously consider re-introducing spiritual development as a core subject like math, English and Science. . . . If we do, our country will benefit—will prosper and be safe. And the social decay that is slowly eating away our society will be stopped."

**Family Focus:** Jeremy and Shelly are celebrating 12 years of marriage with a getaway this month. It is looking like Teresa Joy will be the fourth child to get a college degree, but she may surpass all siblings by going on for a masters'! We praise God for hearing our prayers for one of the teenage grandchildren who had a strange sickness for months which doctors couldn't seem to figure but who is now gradually improving. We find such comfort in the Lord's faithfulness as we pray the above prayer for "family" near and far: **Save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Be their Shepherd and carry them forever.**

With such grateful hearts for your partnership with us,  
Eric & Penny Schering  
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