



Our Journey to the land of the Unexpected—Papua New Guinea



Our travel from Iloilo to Papua New Guinea was "never easy" but every step we take and those unforeseen difficulties along the way, "God was with us". We arrived smoothly at the Jacksons International Airport at Port Moresby, PNG last January 16, 2021 at around 6:00 am, PNG time. We were the last flight allowed to enter PNG from the Philippines before new travel restrictions took effect. They strictly implement protocols inside the facility that all documents and health declarations should be ready and taking pictures were not allowed. Being monitored by the PNG Government, keeping ourselves healthy is a must. This time of isolation was a God-given blessing for us to have time to communicate with our family and supporting churches, and to prepare ourselves spiritually for the mission work at Goroka Highlands.

A brief send off and prayer time with our PABWE board member and DBBI President, Rev. Rector Cadayday together with mom, dad (inside the car), & Elijah taking pictures amidst the very strict airport health protocol at the Iloilo Airport.

Every foreign traveller should be booked at a government sanctioned hotel for quarantine. No one is allowed to roam around, but we are so thankful to our PNG partners especially Pastor Bill Smith for taking care of us and facilitated everything we need during the whole period of our quarantine. Truly where God leads, He protects and will provide.

"Praising God for the ravens" When we left for PNG, we only have 30 kilos each for our baggages. We decided to bring only the most essential things we need. We left many things that were supposed to be for work and for quarantine. But we thank God for giving us the right decision because our travel during this pandemic was a backbreaking experience! Along the way, God sent "ravens" to feed us! Starting from Iloilo Airport we were surprised to be given two bags full of goodies! These provisions from the Lord fed us during our connecting flights and even during our quarantine. I'm sure we could spare some for our "pasalubong" when we arrive at Goroka. Since we can't go out, God sent people like Emmanuel and Ekonia (a brother from Goroka) to deliver our food supplies to sustain us for the whole period of quarantine. And just like Elijah who was fed by the ravens at the brook Cherith, we praise the Lord for the "ravens/people" he sent to provide for His servants.

"Praising God for partners and supporting churches" We could not describe but only be amazed at the wonders of God's provision and protection beginning from the time we started our deputation since May of 2018. We will never forget all the AFBCP churches we've visited from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. This piece of paper could not contain in words our gratitude for the goodness you have shown and all the blessings and prayers you have showered upon us. Allow us to say a heartfelt **"Thank you"** for all the support, assistance and constant prayers every step of the way. We have endured everything because of God's grace and through your persistent prayers.

We also acknowledge the hard work and full support and prayers of our **PABWE** board and staff for making this new mission field possible. As we trailblaze this new territories we have reached together, your encouragements, reminders and admonitions will be carried always in our hearts.

To our beloved sending church, **Doane Baptist Church** thank you for giving us your blessing and for the assurance that you will be with us throughout this journey. We can't thank you enough for letting us feel loved and prayed for.

To churches and individuals who anonymously prayed and supported us we extend our thanksgiving to the Lord because of you as well. **We pray and believe that God who sees your generosity will reward you openly. (Matthew 6:4)**

Last but not the least, to our own **beloved family** who has been our confidant and source of encouragement we commit you all to the Lord, praying that you will always be well in the care of our loving Father. Know that you will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;"

Colossians 4:2

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