

Greetings from Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea!

Many thanks to all who prayed for the Women's Spiritual Retreat that took place here at the beginning of this month.

Despite many changes and delays to the plans, everything came together wonderfully. Each woman giving a talk or testimony prayed and prepared individually beforehand; however, some clear themes recurred throughout the weekend. One of these was of being yoked to Jesus instead of striving to achieve in our own strength.

On the Friday evening, I shared a personal testimony of seeing God provide all that I needed to recover and grow following a period of struggles and anxiety several years ago, and of my continued need to surrender to Him rather than relying on myself.



Many of the women attending the retreat have experienced difficult times lately, so it was wonderful to be able to offer this time of spiritual refreshment.

Here are some updates on other topics:

* Please continue to pray for the Autoshop. This is the current manager's last month at work before leaving for Home Assignment; no one else has yet been appointed to fill the position. **Please pray that the Autoshop will continue to function well at this time.**

* Thank you for praying for our staffing situation at school. Since I last wrote, several other teachers have had unexpected changes of plan or illness. However, in all cases, solutions have come together beautifully. **Please pray for those teachers who are covering in age groups and/or subjects that they haven't taught before.** I praise God for their willingness to step out of their comfort zone in this way.

* From 24 - 28 February a team from WASC, a school accreditation body, will come to evaluate our school so that our accreditation can be renewed. **Please pray that this would be a positive and helpful time for all.**

And here's this month's bonus photo:



With gratitude for your love and encouragement,

Andrew and Clare Koens, with Levi, Heidi and Eowyn

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