

East White Oak
MISSIONS 
“...Making Him Known”



Jim Fisher with the Hixkariana Tribe, July 2009

“Continue *earnestly in prayer*...praying for us, that God would *open to us a door for the Word*, to speak the mystery of Christ...” Colossians 4:2-3



• Ministry Focus

Steve and Natalie settled their home in the Eastern Highlands of New Guinea last fall, built their house, and are now learning the language of the Menyha people (see July '08 Prayer Guide). They expect to spend 2½ years total to be fluent enough to begin preaching the Gospel. In the meantime, they are looking for ways to show the love of Jesus Christ, so that when they do get to preach Him as Lord and Savior, the Menyha people will know He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

• Prayer Requests

Language Learning

- Praise God for opportunities to use the language daily.
- Pray for comprehension and understanding vital to preaching Christ.
- Pray for perseverance against distractions.

Menya People

- Praise God for welcome received in general by the people of Menyama.
- Pray for hearts to become softened to Christ in daily interaction with Steve and Natalie.
- Pray for people who experienced outbreak of sickness this summer without good medical care. (3000 sick in highlands area/200 deaths)

Family

- Pray for Ethan and Nathaniel as they make friends with Menyha children.
- Pray for Steve and Natalie as they struggle emotionally seeing people lost without having a way yet to tell them about Christ.





• Ministry Focus

Twelve years after leaving Kansas, Doug and Shirley are now very much at home in Lavalus with the Kaulong people. They see churches growing among the Kaulong tribe on New Britain Island, and there is a growing desire to learn God's Word and see lives changed. Of the 6000 Kaulong people, there are now over 200 who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior. Many of the Kaulong are teaching literacy in the various villages, and some are teaching the Bible in Church settings.



• Prayer Requests

Kaulong People

- Praise God for many in the tribe who are now brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Pray for unbelievers who are very animistic in culture and religion.

Kaulong Christians

- Praise God for such great reception of Christ by so many Kaulong people.
- Pray for the implications of the Gospel to be known in the lives of these new believers.
- Pray for greater distinction among Kaulong believers from those in their own community.



Family

- Pray for Nellie as she must return to the U.S. in March and set up for college in the fall. She is leaving her home (PNG) and going to a foreign culture (USA).
- Pray for Doug and Shirley as they prepare for their baby girl to leave for college. Pray that one or both might be able to travel to the U.S. to help Nellie settle into her college home.



• Ministry Focus

John and Pat support missionaries throughout Brazil, school staff at Pura Que Puara, and several short term teams from Headquarters in Manaus. They are one of the few remaining American missionaries in an organization staffed by 80% Brazilian believers. As HQ staff, they do everything from logistics planning to special deliveries to government liaisons to maintenance and building. John and Pat put everything in place this past June for our own EWO team to visit in the Amazon. Their work allows over 200 missionaries to bring the Gospel to places that have never heard of Jesus Christ.



• Prayer Requests

Administration

- Praise God for supplying strength for the work.
- Pray for workers in general to help with the overload of work in Brazil.

Brazil

- Praise God for work being done to learn tribal languages and bring the Gospel to the lost in their heart language.
- Pray for people who are very animistic to see that their hope can only be in the person of Jesus Christ.

Family

- Pray for John and Pat to find balance between all that needs to be done and all that they can legitimately do.
- Pray for Pat as her health struggles against the deep heat of the Amazon interior.
- Pray for both to continue to be strong witnesses of Christ in lives lived under many physical and time pressures.





• Ministry Focus

When the Laney's first came to EWO in the late 1990s, we fell in love with their dream to bring the Gospel into remote tribes of the South Pacific. EWO is excited to see firsthand what God has done in these 10 years. We will first enjoy several days with Steve and Natalie as they continue to settle in Menyamyia learning the language and loving their new neighbors. We also look forward to several days with Doug and Shirley (Natalie's parents) now ten years into loving the Kaulong people in Lavalus. Our desire is to bring great encouragement to a long term effort, enjoy rich fellowship with our new brothers and sister of PNG, and listen to the Lord as He directs more strategic involvement in these efforts in a very remote part of the world.



Doug Laney milling wood for Steve & Natalie's home

• Prayer Requests

Menyamyia

- Pray for open doors to share with these who still do not understand "God Talk".
- Pray for rich times of encouragement between our team and Steve & Natalie.

Lavalus

- Praise God for over 200 Kaulong who now know Christ!
- Pray for opportunities to build each other up in the faith.

EWO Team

- Please pray for safety, health, and spiritual growth for the entire team on this journey.
- Pray for God's leading as we attempt to better understand the victories and needs of our partners in Christ.



Susan Simmons as a child in Papua New Guinea

Prayer

“...that whenever I open
my mouth, words may
be given me

***so that I will
fearlessly make
known the
mystery of the
Gospel.”***

Ephesians 6:19



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