



**Norm & Jill
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Our Latest Prayer & Praise

Dear Vulcan Church,

As you likely know, I (Norm) am still in Papua New Guinea. Other PBT members have been able to travel back to America, but there has not been any combination of open door possibilities for me to leave PNG and make it all the way back to Calgary, Canada.

Throughout these past two months, Jill and I have trusted that God would make it clear as to when the door to travel home would be completely open. And we have also had the peace of Christ while I wait it out here and Jill is in Calgary facing the various challenges she is experiencing back home.

There is one current travel plan on the table that has the possibility of working. We want to share this with you so you can be praying along with us. We have a travel agent in Calgary who found a route which could be available to me throughout the month of May once each week and would look like this:

- Friday: depart Madang, arrive in Port Moresby, sleep overnight in hotel
- Saturday: depart Moresby, arrive in Brisbane, sleep three nights in self-isolate hotel
- Tuesday: depart Brisbane, arrive Auckland, NZ, transit on to Los Angeles, transit on to Vancouver, transit on to Calgary.

This is the only route we are aware of right now that would get me all the way home to Calgary. There are some challenging requirements:

1. Obtain special exemption permission from the Queensland Health Dept to overnight for three nights in Brisbane. They are allowing a transiting passenger to self-isolate between flights for up to 72 hours. The above itinerary would have me 74 hours in Brisbane. I've written to the Health Dept but have not heard back yet from Australia.
2. Obtain seats on all these flights. I would be looking at 6 legs to the journey through 5 countries with 4 separate airlines.
3. Obtain a second permission from the Australian government to be allowed to board in PNG and enter Australia during this coronavirus pandemic.
4. Be physically able to manage okay and get the assistance (wheelchair for distance) that I need in each airport.

We ask that you would pray along with us that we would know when the right time will be for me to return to Canada. We are doing all we can get these travel permissions. At the same time, we are placing this situation entirely in God's hands. We know that ultimately, God will get me home and reunite Jill and me at the right time according to His will and timetable.

In the meanwhile, as I wait in Madang, I am using my time to study the Akukem language and also a special language data analysis software program. I'm doing this so I can learn more about the Akukem language, and start to build my own electronic dictionary of Akukem. The more I understand about their language, the better I will be able to be the Translation Advisor to the Akukem team.

Please be praying for the Akukem translators as some of them try to do translation work on solar laptops out in the village. They are also going to meet with people from the villages in the next couple of months to do the Village Comprehension Checking of the book of Luke.

And so ministry work in the Akukem project is still moving forward. And one of these weeks, I will be able to board my first of six planes to get me on my way back to Calgary to be with my family.

Our prayers are also with you as you face your own unique challenges in these difficult days. More than ever before, let us hold on to the promises of God, such as Proverbs 16:3

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans.”

May you know the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the strength of the Holy Spirit.



We are so grateful for your partnership with us in prayer,

Norm & Jill Weatherhead
Missionaries to Papua New Guinea