

Jack & Isa Douglas Aug 2015

Grand Rapids with the Family

Jack and Isa have been spending the past few weeks in Grand Rapids, Michigan, United States. They have been staying with their son David, his wife Carla and their three children, Brandon, Austin and Ashley (pictured). They have been enjoying the break, especially as they only get to see the grandchildren once each year when they visit. It is not surprising, for those of us who know them, to find that they have been keeping really busy helping out. They write:

We try to keep busy helping Dave and Carla out as they are both working full time! There is always plenty of house cleaning, washing clothes, cooking meals and paint jobs etc. Jack has been busy working on Dave and Carla's vegetable garden. It was water logged with all the rain so he dug it over again in places and made mounds and transplanted some items and it looks so good. We hope to have a lot of beans, peas, broccoli, tomatoes, zucchini and cucumbers.



Recently one of my sons claimed that my delight in eating fresh lettuce that I'd just picked from our veg. patch was a sign of being middle aged! Well, I'm in good company with Jack, who might be encouraged to know that he's only middle-aged...

They have just a few days left in the States. We can thank God for this time of refreshment, and pray for a safe journey back home.

The Pawaians

Even in the States with their family, the Pawaians will never be far from their minds and **always** in their hearts. They lived amongst them for the best part of four decades, and spent most of their lives serving the Lord there. **Through them the kingdom of God came to the jungles of PNG, and that will count for all eternity!** They have received fresh news from the tribe and they write:



Some of the Pawaiian believers flew out of the tribe for a big conference in the Highlands. It is once a year and it is for all believers in different tribal locations. They can get thousands there. It is for a long weekend and they have some good solid bible teaching as well as being with believers from all different areas. It is such an encouraging time for them!

They make notes of the bible teachings and once they get back to the Pawaia tribe they share and teach the rest of the believers that couldn't attend the conference. It is quite expensive for them to fly out of the tribe and back again so only a few of the believers can do this from Pawaia.

They did get word that we hope to be over in Papua New Guinea the beginning of October so they are very happy about that. We will spend most of our time in the tribe teaching and encouraging the believers. Jack is preparing notes and has been doing that for a while to teach the believers when we get there. Thanks for praying with us about all of this. Do pray about all the travel and all that is involved in going half way around the world. Please pray for health and strength, the buying of supplies and flying into the tribe!



*We did have a little note saying that **the Pawaians are due to go to Karimui to do some teaching to the neighbouring tribe. That is supposed to start on the 11th next week. Please ask the folk there to pray for this outreach.** We are not sure if it will be in Pidgin English or if there will be enough bilingualism to stay in the two languages - Pawaian and Daribi.*

Needless to say, Jack and Isa are not getting any younger! Let us be much in prayer for them as they prepare to make the long journey to PNG once again in October. Please pray:

- ⇒ **For wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as Jack prepares his teaching materials.**
- ⇒ For health and strength in the travel.
- ⇒ **That when they arrive in the tribe, their accommodation will not be too musty or mouldy or infested with nasty insects!** These dear servants of the Lord are in their 70s!!!
- ⇒ That they will be able to obtain all the supplies that they need.
- ⇒ For encouragement in all their labours, and for lasting fruit.

The Next Generation

As we think of Jack and Isa's faithfulness in serving the Lord over so many years, the need for younger Christians to rise up and go forth becomes apparent. **How many today are willing to make the sacrifices and give up their comforts in this country to go forth and tell the word of the gospel in other lands?** Who will go and bring the kingdom of Christ Jesus to those places where it has never been established?

Let us pray that we might have the privilege of identifying, training and sending forth cross-cultural missionaries who will take gospel light into places where it has never yet shone. **Pray that Trinity Grace Church will be blessed to go boldly where no-one has gone before with the precious message of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.** May the testimony of Jack and Isa and the glory of the kingdom coming to the PNG jungles be the means God uses to stir up young believers to this lofty calling. **And so may we hasten the return of the king, and the day when the will of the Father will be done throughout the earth, even as it is in heaven.** Brothers and sisters, let us pray!

