

Dear Friends,

As we begin to use our new calendars for 2016 we want to wish you the Lord's richest blessing throughout the coming year. This is a good time to think back over all the way the Lord has led us and to realise once again that He is faithful. Some of you are going through deep waters right now both physically and spiritually and our hearts go out to you. None of us experiences exactly the same difficulties as another does and we all react differently but, having been in deep waters and eventually finding the Lord's comforting hands upholding us, we are able to comfort others. We would like to do that at this time.

You may have heard of the heartbreaking troubles caused by the heavy rains in the North of England. We want you all to know that we have been spared in that respect. The waters never really threatened our house this time. We did have to negotiate some flood-affected areas when travelling but even so we were never in danger. For this we are very thankful and we look to the Lord to protect us as we go forward. None of us is getting any younger and we have less energy to face any out-of-the-ordinary events in life so it would be wise to look more often to the Lord for our strength.



We were very thankful for the strength given to make another visit to the Pawaia. We found them in good spirits and busy about the Lord's work. We met many old friends and many new ones when five hundred or so gathered in the village of Haia for their conference. The new friends we met were the fruit of the outreach that the Pawaian believers have been engaged in over the years. Some

were from distant places which we had never visited in the tribe. Jack was able to begin teaching but then caught a nasty tummy infection. After flying to our headquarters to receive treatment he was back in time and well enough to be able to share in the conference. As usual, what he shared was much appreciated.



Because of the large numbers at the conference the meetings were held in the open air. This meant that not only believers were present but others whose curiosity got the better of them also sat and listened. It was a good time though it meant a lot of work for the hosts both before and during the conference. They had spent months planting and tending crops and processing sago to provide food for all the visitors and they then took responsibility of cooking the meals during the conference.

On the 18th of January we are due to begin teaching a module at our training centre in Lincolnshire. After that have a few meetings in the UK to take care of. We have no plans to visit PNG this year as the timing does not fit with the Pawaians' schedule. We would like to visit our son and his family in Michigan if the Lord will allow that. Please pray that the Lord will show us clearly how and where we can best use our lives for him at any given time.

We want to tell you how much we have appreciated your fellowship over the many years we have been involved with the Pawaia. We really do count it a privilege to have so many good friends who pray for us and support us financially so that we have been able to work amongst the Pawaia. We have been blessed beyond anything we could have imagined and so we want to thank the Lord for giving us friends like you. We feel completely unworthy of such blessings. We'll say 'bye for now and wish you the very best for the coming year.

Yours sincerely in the Lord,

Jack and Isa Douglas