

It has been a few weeks now since we returned from our 9 week stay in the bush and it has been a busy time. Tim is currently being trained to take over the role of supply buyer here in the mission center. As supply buyer, he takes the orders from missionaries who are living in the bush, he then goes to town to buy all of their supplies, packages them up for the flight (which involves a lot of weighing, labeling, and paperwork) and then gets them onto the plane or helicopter that will deliver them. He will be helping in this way until we allocate into a tribal work of our own. He is also helping with building projects that are going on here. We are a small mission center in this part of Papua New Guinea and this means we are often short handed in many of the roles that need to be filled. We are also working to finish our culture study. All of these things combined means there is always something to keep us busy!

This is also an exciting time for us as we are prayerfully considering several options before us for allocating into a tribal ministry. There are many things to take into consideration and we are trusting the Lord for wisdom in these decisions. *Please be praying with us in this!!*

We also have another exciting thing before us.... **We are coming home in November for a 3 month furlough!!** We have talked with leadership and together we feel it is wise to spend a short time at home, sharing with all of you more about our upcoming ministry and tribal allocation. It is perfect break between finishing Papua New Guinea language/culture study and allocation into a tribal work. We can then spend a solid four years focused on the work ahead of us. A very exciting added bonus is that we will be able to be home for my sister's wedding in January!!!!

Thank you so much for your prayers and support!! We are reminded daily that we cannot do this work alone. Those of you who hold the ropes back at home are a vital part of this ministry. As the struggles come, we are thankful for a faithful and loving God who continues to mold us into HIS image!!

In His Grace,  
**Tim and Tiffany Lanier**  
**Noah, Micah and Anna**



**A beautiful beach up the coast!**

**Women showing us how they make pottery in the Bilbil village near Madang. This village is well known for their pottery.**

#### **A few things we have been thankful for lately.....**

- ~ That there is a wonderful Australian doctor in town who specializes in tropical medicine. We can visit his office for only 50 Kina (\$18)!!
- ~ For our friends in the Itutang village.... they send messages out to us from time to time through the missionaries living there. We feel truly blessed to have lived alongside them.
- ~ For the ability to now comfortably talk with people in Pidgin and focus on building relationships with them--

#### **We are praying for....**

- ~ A dear friend of ours in Itutang... he has made some bad choices lately and the church is working to restore him. We pray the Lord will grow and strengthen him through this.
- ~ Wisdom in deciding what tribal ministry to allocate into. There are hundreds of tribes without the Gospel and many of them are begging for missionaries to come to them. We have a few options before us and we are praying for wisdom as we decide where the Lord is directing us.
- ~ Creative ways to enjoy family time... It is stressful and expensive to go to town and we are very limited in what there is to do here on the mission center. We are always trying to think of ways to have fun with the kids... especially considering their age range... any ideas?! :)