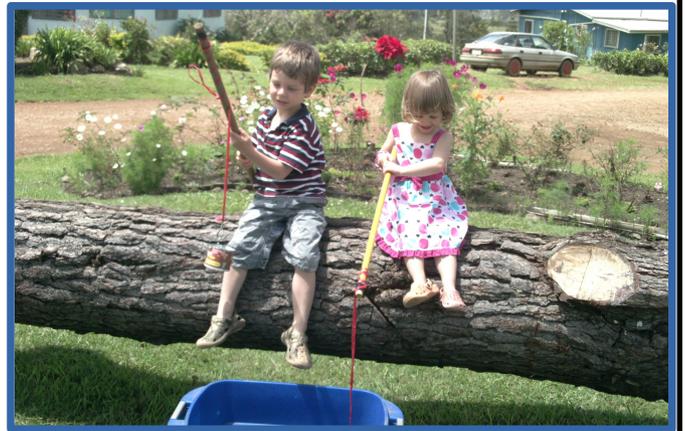




We're
back in
Papua New
Guinea!

We arrived back just in time for Easter, when Levi and Heidi enjoyed spending the day with their Ukarumpa 'aunties', 'uncles' and 'cousins'. It was very hard to say goodbye to relatives back home, so we were glad to celebrate Easter with friends who are like family to us. We were also reminded that while we are limited in the food we can buy here, it's still possible to eat great tasting food!



Latest News and Prayer Requests:

Andrew is back at the Autosshop as assistant manager and small engines mechanic. As part of his Executive Committee duties, he is working with others to implement a new system for selecting a director for our organisation here in PNG. He would appreciate prayer for wisdom.

I (**Clare**) am still getting organised on the domestic front since we returned, and am always happy when I have the time and energy to devote to my role as teacher recruiter. I look forward to taking on further responsibilities within the new recruitment department here as we get more settled. We are particularly needing English and primary/elementary teachers for the 2015/6 school year.

Levi is coming to the end of his two preschool years. He's thrilled to be back home and around so many friends. **Heidi** has another year until she can start preschool, but loves going to the Ukarumpa daycare. **Eowyn** is doing well. We are still trying to sort out details of the medical follow-up that she will need in Australia. We have found out that the cost of our flights may be covered by our medical insurance, which would be extremely helpful! We would appreciate prayer as these details are worked out

Although we had no idea that our return to PNG might be delayed due to medical reasons, we did think we might be delayed due to visa renewals. The visas were actually granted ridiculously quickly, but at least our longer stay was not a shock to anyone.

We saw many answers to prayer after learning that Eowyn had some kidney issues that would require investigation:

*Due to a mix up over which consultant Eowyn was being referred to, we ended up having the opportunity to explain our situation to a very understanding medical secretary who arranged for our appointments to happen quickly.

*We were able to find out what was going on with Eowyn's kidneys by the beginning of March, which gave us enough time to book tickets, pack up our belongings and return to PNG before Andrew reached his six month limit of staying in the UK.

*Doctors in London and PNG both agreed that it would be practical for Eowyn to live in PNG. This is only possible because of the medical staff and facilities that we have on our centre.

*We were quickly able to find an affordable place to stay in the UK for the last three months, and even got to live in the same town as my brother and family.

*Eowyn takes a daily antibiotic which isn't available in Papua New Guinea to prevent urinary tract infections (which could be problematic for her already abnormal kidneys). When I phoned for a non-emergency appointment with the local doctor, I was offered an appointment for the next day! Although it turned out that I wasn't able to get the medication this way, it gave me time to find the medication through another source, which I managed to do without difficulty.

*Although the process of booking our return tickets seemed frustrating at the time, the end result was that we were able to get reasonably priced, changeable, tickets that allowed us to get from London to Ukarumpa with breaks of only 2-3 hours between flights, and a greater than normal luggage allowance.

Thank you so much for your concern, prayer, words of encouragement and financial support.

Andrew and Clare Koens with Levi, Heidi and Eowyn

Clare and Eowyn prepare for their first trip to Great Ormond Street Hospital



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