



Keep up with the Koens

Andrew and Clare Koens, serving in Papua New Guinea

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Waiting for Baby...

We are currently living at the Wycliffe Centre, near High Wycombe in England, waiting for the arrival of our baby, due on 29th August.

It's been three months since we started our time of home leave, and so far it's been a very busy time. Here are some of the things we've been doing:

- Spoken to twenty two churches, small groups and individuals about our work in PNG.
- Travelled across 14 time zones.
- Worked in the Wycliffe UK offices, updating the files of 17 retired Wycliffe members (Clare).
- Had holiday/vacation time with all of our parents and siblings.
- Offered around a dozen missionaries email support with their small engines (Andrew).
- Corresponded with five teachers who are interested in teaching at Ukarumpa International School (Clare).
- Caught up with 29 relatives.
- Played with or watched eight toy and model railways (Levi).
- Attended seven medical appointments (Clare).

FAQ:

Q. How many passports do your children have?

A. Both Levi and the new baby will be citizens of both the UK and the US (but neither are eligible to hold citizenship in PNG or Australia). We will need to apply for two passports for the new baby as soon as possible after the birth; and then once we get to the US, we will apply for the baby's PNG visa. Getting suitable passport photos for a new baby is always a challenge!

The photos in this newsletter were taken at various points on our travels through Sydney, Hawaii, Florida and England. There are no prizes for guessing which set of Grandparents is which!



The Next Few Months

We don't have any specific plans of course for the next few weeks, as we wait to see when the baby will be born and then adjust to life with a new child. In October, we'll be spending time in Cumbria, Scotland and Guildford, before flying back to the US on 2nd November.

From November to December, we'll be based in Tennessee, USA. From there, we hope to see friends and family in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Indiana and in North and South Carolina. As well as sharing about our work in PNG, Andrew hopes to get more experience working on different motorbikes.

We'll spend Christmas with Andrew's parents in Florida, before flying back to PNG via Brisbane, Australia in mid-January.

We'll update our plans on our blog (go to koens.info and click 'News and Pictures') as we continue to make arrangements.

PRAISE GOD:

- For meeting our transport and accommodation needs in the US and the UK.
- For good times with friends and family.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That we all cope well with all the travelling and constant changes in our lives.
- That we won't have any problems with the various 'paperwork' tasks that we still need to complete, including obtaining passports and a PNG visa for the baby.

With much gratitude for all your support,

Clare, Andrew and Levi



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