

## Beholding His Glory

Reporting the work of God in and through the ministry of  
Todd and Angela Owen, serving with Pioneer Bible Translators,  
*“so that the people may see and know . . .  
that the hand of God has done this”* Isaiah 41:20



A person doesn't often have any idea as they walk in and out of people's lives what kinds of tracks they are leaving. Our walk with John and Marsha Relyea and ultimately the Aruamu people started when Angela and I were in graduate school. There was an immediate affinity with the Relyea family. John was a prayer warrior of the first order, Marsha an organizational powerhouse who used her gifts to empower and motivate the Aruamu translation committee.

Our paths ran closer together for a while as we began walking alongside the Relyeas in Papua New Guinea, praying together, working on mutual projects (translation checking, group projects, branch administration) and so on. Over the years we walked into and out of the lives of their core translation team in Tiap and they with our Somau Garia co-workers in Uria Village.

In 2005 John died at 49 years old of a heart attack. John's loss was a blow to us all, but as tragedy often does, it connected the broader community in a way that wouldn't have happened otherwise. Todd's connection with the Aruamu team deepened through a long hike into Tiap Village, through torrential downpours, thick clay, hills, streams and steam: a hike that resulted in tracks being laid on Aruamu hearts that would last. It was the kind of shared experience that makes forever-friends.

Earlier this year the Aruamu decided to hold an evangelistic crusade to celebrate the New Testament made available in dramatized audio (Faith Comes By Hearing .mp3's). Todd was invited to preach the crusade. Though the Aruamu have invited Todd many times over the years since 2005; this was the first opportunity to say 'yes'.

The prospect of ministering in Papua New Guinea brought a decade with the Somau Garia to mind. Laying *those* footprints on the hearts of the Somau Garia people was costly. We left PNG shortly after dedicating the Gospel According to Mark (Easter, 2007). The Garia translators have made rough drafts of the Gospel According to Luke and have begun Acts of the Apostles in the intervening years. A trip to Papua New Guinea to preach would definitely require equal time spent in Uria with the Somau Garia translation team. Todd knew that to inspire them, to give them a worthy vision, to connect at the heart level would require time, face-to-face, many long, lingering conversations tip-toeing around delicate issues, indirectly directing them to God's hope and love. We need to pray, friends. We need to pray.

In focus for this journey are three primary groups: ① The Aruamu speakers ② the Somau Garia speakers ③ the missionary community of Pioneer Bible Translators.

How could we forget the other missionaries? Todd's beard is white now. The kids are grow-

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ing up. The newer missionaries are not much older than our oldest children. We have learned a few things of the years. One of our great desires is to come alongside our co-workers as friends, encouragers, pastors (this was the role I played in my previous two ministries), advocates. We so want to bless, encourage, build, and strengthen our missionary friends in any way God sees fit to use us.

In this guide are **forty** opportunities to bless, encourage, protect and change through prayer. **Forty** days, **forty** prayers, **forty** moments of connection with God, with the Owen family, and with these groups of people. Join us in **forty** days of dedicated intercession, that these precious ones might gain freedom from fear, despair, and hopelessness and in so doing, the Kingdom of God might be established in a powerful way in them.

By the way, if you have internet access, you will be able to get updates and news on the 40 days by going to our website,

[www.shakethegates.org](http://www.shakethegates.org)

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**AUGUST 11 (DAY 1)** – Sunday morning always brings with it a bit of anticipation. What will God do in our midst today? What will He show us through the Word and the Spirit to help us grow up in Him? Today marks the beginning of a season of prayer during which we are going to call on the name of the Lord, asking him to break through strongholds in heavenly places, shake the foundations of cultures, arrest the attention of people needing to walk with Him. Put on your spiritual armor today as you **pray** for the Aruamu people. Ask God to prepare hearts for the coming crusade. Ask God to turn their hearts toward Him in anticipation of this special time. Ask God to allow these people to acutely feel their deep, spiritual need.

**AUGUST 12 (DAY 2)** – Monday. The Owen family (except for Andrew) is on the road today, heading north to take Samuel to Ozark Christian College for his first year of Bible college. This is the inaugural act in breaking the sweet fellowship we've known for 19 of our 22 years of marriage. Pray for Samuel as he lives away from home for the first time, as he learns new things about the Bible, the Christian life, and himself. Pray for all of us as we manage feelings of loss and as we grieve (and celebrate) this monumental change. Ask God to bless Andrew at home, working and attending classes at Edison State College where he is a student. Ask God to bless our journey and to keep our SUV running for the trip.

**AUGUST 13 (DAY 3)** – Tuesday. Many of the Somau Garia people live in fear and great darkness. They have had the *Gospel According to Mark* in their language for six years. Pray today for the people who worked on translating that book. Pray that God will prepare their hearts to throw themselves into the work again, to be changed by their interactions with the Father as the time for Todd's trip draws near. Pray for God to fill their minds and hearts with dreams, a language that is very much alive and common among Garia-speaking people.

**AUGUST 14 (DAY 4)** – Wednesday. Acts 12 teaches us of Herod's hate for the church and his wicked desire to please the ruling Jews in Jerusalem. He had James put to death with the sword (the first martyr). He was wild-eyed with violent pleasure, soaking in the praise of the Sanhedrin. He had Peter put in prison, intending violence toward him. But the church had an ace up the sleeve: **PRAYER**. Many of the saints were gathered in fervent prayer. In response to their prayer an angel waltzed into the prison, woke Peter, walked him through and out of the prison into the street, unnoticed by the guards. Many of the Aruamu people and Somau Garia people are bound in prisons of fear, ignorance, lust, idolatry, and spirit worship. Yet there is a remnant of believers. Pray that those in prison will be set free from the bondage that keeps them in darkness and pray that the believers among them will boldly and courageously proclaim Jesus' name. Pray also that hearts will be prepared with a certain hunger and thirst for God—the eternity that God has placed in the hearts of men that we might all seek him.

**AUGUST 15 (DAY 5)** – Thursday. Samuel is moving in Boatman Hall today, the same floor that Todd lived on as a student at Ozark. Pray for him. His emotions will be excitement mixed with the uncertain wonder of life without family close at hand. Pray that God will use this school and these people to pull back the veil a little further and allow Samuel a more intimate and empowered relationship with Jesus.

**AUGUST 16 (DAY 6)** – Friday. The Somau Garia people have a very developed system of tribal deities. Anthropologists call these totem systems. Throughout the year Garia people perform various rituals to appease the so-called gods. At the heart of this system of belief is an inherent mistrust of the supernatural, a fear of death and violence being visited upon them either now or in the afterlife. Pray for freedom for these dear ones, that they will no longer need to live in fear of the unseen, but will rest in the Unseen One. Pray that as Todd's visit draws nigh, that the hearts of the Owens' friends there, as well as the whole translation team, will be quickened in the Spirit. Ask that their hearts will be carried along in the direction of *understanding their need for God and a desperate reaching for Him*.

**AUGUST 17 (DAY 7)** – Saturday. Todd and Angela celebrate 22 years of marriage today (08/17/1991). Pray for God's hand to continually rest upon their marriage relationship, especially in light of the depth and variety of transition they are experiencing just now. Pray for the unity of the Holy Spirit, mutual submission, and a quality of love and tenderness unparalleled in this generation to characterize their relationship. Pray for protection from the flaming arrows of the evil one. Oh, yeah, and while you're at it, rejoice with them for 22 of the best years of their lives. They are certainly rejoicing today.

**AUGUST 18 (DAY 8)** – Jesus did a lot of things that were considered controversial in his day. In the power of the Spirit, he went to his hometown synagogue for worship on the Sabbath. He was handed the scroll of Isaiah, which he read from. *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* Then he said the words that made people want to throw him off of a cliff: *"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."* (Luke 4:18ff, emphasis mine) This was controversial to his hearers because he was claiming to be Messiah. However, he *was and is* Messiah and his purposes are true and unchanging. *He was sent to proclaim freedom for the prisoners*. Pray that Jesus' purpose for coming will be brought to fruition among the Aruamu and Somau Garia peoples of Papua New Guinea—that those bound up in spiritual prisons of sin and darkness will be set free and brought into the Kingdom of Light. Pray for a readiness to hear the gospel in a fresh way. Pray for Todd as he prepares his heart, mind, spirit, and as he chooses (prayerfully) what to preach.

**AUGUST 19 (DAY 9)** – Monday. The missionary team in Papua New Guinea work in some tough conditions. Electricity frequently drops out, depriving the houses without power for lights, refrigerators, ceiling fans, security lights, etc. It can be demoralizing. Crime is ever present. A person is usually on guard 24/7 in the city. Please pray for mercy, energy, strength, and good morale for the team. There are always more work and requests than there are time and resources. Pray that God will deal gently with the missionary team in Madang. Ask God to prepare them for the influx of visitors that will add to the already heavy workload they are facing.

**AUGUST 20 (DAY 10)** –Tuesday. In the foothills of the Finisterre Mountains lies Uria Village, a central village of the Somau Garia people. The Somau Garia are subsistence farmers, mostly, but also cultivate some coffee, cacao, and vanilla to earn a little cash to buy things that cannot be acquired any other way. Lutheran missionaries came to the area in the 1930's, but without the Word of God in their mother tongue, the impact has been somewhat limited. In the mid-1990's Bible translators started working there. One team was not able to return after a few years of service. Angela and I went in 1997 and worked

there for ten years, our sojourn culminating in the publication of the Gospel of Mark. It was a hard go and we needed to step away for a while. Pray for our Garia friends, that this will be a season representative of “the fullness of time” for them. May it be a year of the Lord’s favor for them. Pray that hearts will be tender and ready to receive all that the Lord has in mind for them. Pray that there will be a spirit of prayer and supplication that will enable them to break free of generations-old bondages that hold so many hostage.

**AUGUST 21 (DAY 11)**— Do a Google search of Papua New Guinea news and you will inevitably turn up the stories of sorcery-related killings. Sorcery is often used to hold victims in fear of reprisal, death, and spiritual bondage. Sorcery was known and widely practiced in Ephesus when Paul the Apostle showed up in town in the power of the Holy Spirit, doing the impossible. After an instance of would-be exorcists being beaten and chased, naked and bleeding, by a demoniac who recognized the name of Jesus and Paul (but not the seven brothers in question), the witnesses to this were gripped with fear *and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor*. Pray that the Somau Garia people will be set free from their bondage to sorcery and the fear that springs from it. Pray that Jesus’ name will be widely held in high honor among them. The Ephesians turned so completely from their devotion to sorcery that they burned all the associated scrolls and paraphernalia—worth 50,000 days’ wages! Pray that the Somau Garia will turn as completely to Jesus as the Ephesians did.

**AUGUST 22 (DAY 12)**— The Aruamu New Testament has been in print since 2005. Old Testament translation is in progress. Yet, as one of the Aruamu translation team members recently pointed out, “The Bible is only powerful if people are hungry to read it and know it.” Pray that as excitement builds toward the crusade and the dedication of the digital audio recording of the Aruamu New Testament, that an increasing hunger and thirst will seize the people. Pray that when they gather for the crusade that they will be fixed on the majesty of Jesus, fixed on the Word that penetrates soul and spirit, fixed on the holiness of a completely “otherly” God. Pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare each person who will participate in the crusade for the purpose that He has for each of them.

**AUGUST 23 (DAY 13)**— Samuel turns 18 years old today. Is it possible? Pray for Samuel’s mind and heart today. He is tender toward the Lord. Pray that he will grow in knowledge and wisdom and stature with God and with man. Pray that as he studies, works, and interacts with many that he will be a blessing to all who know him.

**AUGUST 24 (DAY 14)**— Saturday. Pray for PBT’s missionary community in Papua New Guinea—that they will enjoy the kind of rest this weekend that Jesus refers to when he encourages us “*Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.*” Missionaries often feel hard pressed by shortened resources and many demands. Pray for God’s mercy in bringing unusual rest and refreshment to the team this weekend.

**AUGUST 25 (DAY 15)**— Sunday. “*Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.*” (Mark 6:31) In Papua New Guinea people rarely do things alone. Jesus, here tired and need to restore his inner man, invited his closest followers away to a quiet place to rest. Pray today for the missionary community, for the Christian leaders, and for those heavily involved in the war for the souls of men and women. Ask God to give them wisdom to take rest when it is needed. Ask God to bless their times of rest, making them useful for restoring the soul. Pray that for those in Madang, when they need to rest, power will be on so that fans can run, air conditioners can run (for the office), even the cricket match on

telly (some relax to sports) can be viewed. Also ask God to reach down to the depths of the missionaries' souls and do His work of healing and empowering. Pray also that God will minister deeply to them through the power of his mighty Word in *their* own heart language.

**AUGUST 26 (DAY 16)** – Monday. August is drawing to a close. Todd is boarding his flight to Papua New Guinea today. Ahead is the unknown. Six years away from Papua New Guinea is a long time. Todd and Angela's emotions will be swirling today, a mixture of anticipation and butterflies fluttering around in the stomach. Pray for the travel to the airport, for Todd's luggage, safe passage, and timely connections. Pray that as Todd progresses toward Papua New Guinea, he will be filled with the confidence that comes through the Holy Spirit. Pray with him that even as he flies, God will be preparing the way and moving his angels and people to create divine appointments. Pray for God's anointing on this time.

**AUGUST 27 (DAY 17)** – Tuesday. Continue to pray for Todd's trans-Pacific journey today. Pray today that one of the Somau Garia friends who has been praying for and anticipating the Owen family's return will get the word and be able to get into town to meet with Todd and make arrangements for the trip out to Uria Village. This trip involves buying food and other supplies, riding in the back of a flat bed truck for 40 miles, from the main road into the village for a couple of miles, finding a place to sleep for the week (if the house is greatly damaged—a genuine possibility), and setting up housekeeping for the week. Pray for God's mercy in making these connections and basically getting it done.

**AUGUST 28 (DAY 18)** – Pray for Marsha Miles today as she is working with Aruamu co-workers on checking portions of the Old Testament. Translation checking is difficult and can be tedious and tiring. Pray for Marsha's physical and emotional reserves as she works with the Aruamus not only on checking, but as the preparations for the dedication and crusade progress.

**AUGUST 29 (DAY 19)** – Thursday. Pray for the Owen family, as widely separated as we've ever been in this life. Todd in Papua New Guinea, Angela and girls in South Dakota, Samuel in Missouri, Andrew holding down the fort in Florida. God has given each of us different assignments for this period of time and has also given us the resources to carry out his intentions for each of us in our various places. Ask God to place his hand of blessing upon each of us and grant us each influence and voice in each situation we find ourselves in. Especially pray that as we interact with others, that those with whom we have to do will be drawn to Jesus through our words, our actions, our mercy, our fortitude. Pray that Jesus' name will be held in high esteem.

**AUGUST 30 (DAY 20)** – Friday. Half way through the journey, friends. How goes the praying? Is Satan buffeting you, challenging you to give up and lay aside the work of intercession. Friends, stand firm. Pray today for yourselves and for others like you who are on the "hump day" of the forty day season today. Pray for clarity to see and acuity to hear what the Spirit is speaking to you in your prayer time. My prayer for you today is that He is filling you with all knowledge through Jesus Christ, that he is giving you the spirit of wisdom and revelation (in increasing measure) that you may know him better. I'm praying for you today that He is sustaining your strength and resolve as you imitate Jesus' ongoing ministry of intercession, taking us to the Father and praying for us. Let's pray for one another today.

**AUGUST 31 (DAY 21)** – Saturday. Jesus spent his Saturdays in the synagogue. He was true to himself, confident in his mission. When the authorities told him to toe the line with tradition, he healed, he surprised, he followed the call given him by his Father in heaven. Pray today for the heart of each one who will be preaching the word tomorrow. Pray that each messenger will be still today, listening to the still, small voice. Pray that their posture will be one of broken submission. Pray for the Spirit's power and insight to be theirs today. Pray for the people speaking the Somau Garia and Aruamu languages today, that they will be moved to attend a worship service tomorrow, that the Spirit will provoke and encourage them to seek out a Christian gathering tomorrow.

**SEPTEMBER 1 (DAY 22)** – Sunday. Pray that those tempted to absent themselves from a Christian gathering will be motivated to join others in worship, preaching, and fellowship. Pray that the Word will be proclaimed with power today, that the preachers will speak the Word of Christ with such insight that none can deny that it was from God. Pray that the Word will multiply and grow in each heart, that the power of the spoken Word will stick in the spirit of each hearer, that they will dream about it, talk about it, marvel in God's name and majesty. Pray that transformation will begin today.

**SEPTEMBER 2 (DAY 23)** – There are about 10,000 Aruamu speakers. Many live in their home area but many others are scattered across Papua New Guinea working in government service or education or business. Pray that a fire will ignite in the hearts and minds of those whom God is raising up to carry his message and live life as his witnesses. Paul feared that the cross of Christ would be somehow diminished if he preached using words of human wisdom alone. (1 Corin. 1:17) Pray that the words spoken by Aruamu messengers will be imbued with divine wisdom and power, that the cross will not be diminished in the hearts and minds of any who would respond to the Father through the preaching of the Word.

**SEPTEMBER 3 (DAY 24)** – Tuesday. There are about 4,000 Somau Garia speakers, yet this people wields profound power throughout northern Papua New Guinea by means of their shamans and sorcerers. Imagine if these same people were known all over northern Papua New Guinea for their holiness and devotion to Christ, for his working in their midst! Pray today that many of these 4,000 will turn away from traditional deities, from devotion to practices and behaviors that hurt them, to the living Christ, the one who has removed death's sting, won the victory, and did a victory march with captives in his train. Pray that my Somau Garia friends will know the freedom that is only possible in Jesus Christ, through the work accomplished on the cross, the life and power given through his resurrection from the dead, and through the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit. Pray that these friends will become famous for faith!

**SEPTEMBER 4 (DAY 25)** – Jesus promised that in this world we'd have trouble (John 16:33). Those who undertake the work of translating the work of Bible translation place themselves in the crosshairs of the enemy's efforts to kill, steal, and destroy. Pray for the protection of the Aruamu, Somau Garia, and missionary personnel who give themselves to the Lord through following this call. Pray that Satan's efforts to discourage and destroy will be fruitless. Indeed, Jesus also promised, "But take heart, I have overcome the world!"

**SEPTEMBER 5 (DAY 26)** – Pray today for Todd's physical, emotional, and spiritual stamina. The oppressive heat and humidity can drain the strongest person of strength. Madang Province sits 5 degrees 28 minutes south of the equator and the rainfall (at Uria) is an amazing 190 inches of rain a year. Pray that Todd won't pick up any amoebic, malarial, or fungal

infections. Pray that despite the radical change in time zone, diet, and environment, he will be able to sleep well and function at prime capacity, feeling rested and strong. The cultural and spiritual landscape is populated with enough change, threat, and adjustment that the average missionary (or visitor) can tire easily. Pray that through all the adjustment, Todd will be attuned to the still, small voice; attentive and yielded.

**SEPTEMBER 6 (DAY 27)** – Friday. Pray for heart to heart talks with Somau Garia co-workers and friends to take place. Ask the Father to open Todd’s mind to the things that he needs to speak into with the Somau Garia translators in order to move them toward active involvement in translation again. Ask the Father to open the hearts of the Somau Garia co-workers to his drawing them and calling them back to this special ministry again. Pray that there will be no confusion, no deception, no smoke screens in the heavenly realms to distract and draw these men away from this history altering ministry. Ask God to give these men real clarity to hear and perceive what the Spirit is speaking to them. Ask God to open their eyes to see what he has for his faithful ones. Ask God to grant wisdom and insight into who and when and where and why . . .

**SEPTEMBER 7 (DAY 28)** – Marsha and team members are making preparations for the trip to Tiap early next week. Pray for all involved in preparations to be able to find the supplies needed for the week (this can be hard in PNG) and to have wisdom as to what and how much to buy. Pray that the various parts of the planning will come together in a timely fashion. Papua New Guinea is the “Land of the Unexpected”, after all.

**SEPTEMBER 8 (DAY 29)** – Sunday. Things are heating up in heavenly places today. Todd and the Somau Garia guys have been talking by now and things are progressing in getting the translation program back on track. The Spirit of God is working in the hearts of these men and women to establish his plan for *this people* to be gathered around the throne, before the Lamb, singing, worshipping, honoring the name of Jesus and ascribing power and majesty to him in eternity. The enemy looks at the victory Jesus has and is insanely jealous and angry. The Aruamu team is preparing to travel to Tiap Village for an evangelistic crusade, for dedication of the Word of God in digital audio, making it accessible to those who cannot read or write. The fate of thousands of Papua New Guineans from these two peoples are weighed in the balance today as mild-mannered servants do one thing: obey the call. Pray for God’s servants today. Pray for the warfare that they are engaging in today. Pray that they will be filled with the Spirit in an especially powerful way today, that the enemy will be intimidated and neutralized as they move toward the goal of their journey. Pray for the Lord to go before them, to come behind them as their rear guard, to undergird and overshadow them by the strength of his mighty right arm.

**SEPTEMBER 9 (DAY 30)** – Monday. The battle is intensifying. Pray diligently for this day. Todd is trying to make his way back to town by Public Motor Vehicle. Marsha and team are finishing preparations. The preparations of months are culminating in the coming journey north on the coastal highway toward Tiap. Pray that the preparations will be completed in good order and that the team will get some much needed rest before tomorrow’s journey. Pray that the vehicles that have been arranged will be on hand and ready. Pray for peace in each heart. Pray that as we travel to Tiap, Aruamu hearts will be prepared and in anticipation of the events of the coming days. Ask God to impart a strong sense of expectancy in the hearts of those attending the events—expectancy that God is going to “show up” and move powerfully.



**SEPTEMBER 10 (DAY 31)** – Tuesday. Pray for clear weather, for travel mercy, for dry roads into Tiap (the Tiap road turns into sticky clay when it rains and is sometimes impassable). Pray that the vehicle we are traveling in will not have mechanical problems, but make it there and back again. Pray for physical safety—from bandits, broken bones, and accidents. Pray for spiritual protection as we enter the area we will be ministering in for the coming week.

**SEPTEMBER 11 (DAY 32)** – Wednesday. Today Aruamu speakers will be traveling to Tiap for the meetings. Ask God to give ample divine appointments and coincidences today. Pray for Todd to connect at a heart level with Aruamu leaders, translation team members, and villagers. Pray for opportunity for Todd to reconnect with friends. Pray for clarity, spiritual sensitivity, and physical stamina for Todd. Also ask God to help Todd to rest well while here. Pray for his heart to be clear, pure, and singly-focused for the coming days of preaching and ministering the word.

**SEPTEMBER 12 (DAY 33)** – Today the crusade begins. Pray for all involved in the events of the day. Today is the dedication for the Aruamu New Testament in recorded digital audio format (.mp3). This is a landmark day for those Aruamu who cannot read or write, for children, for mothers who want their children to hide God's Word in their hearts. The New Testaments will be available on mini-SD cards that fit cell-phones sold in PNG and on a specialty device called a Proclaimer (<http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/proclaimer>) that is powered by solar panel, hand crank, rechargeable batteries, or AC power adapter (talk about versatile!). Pray today that many will be compelled to listen, to buy an SD card, or to join a listening group gathered around a Proclaimer. Pray that this will be a watershed event in the lives of many Aruamu. Pray also for Todd as he preaches the first message of the crusade this evening. Pray that his preaching will be anointed and that the Holy Spirit will cut the listeners to the heart. Pray that many will pass from death into life in Jesus tonight.

**SEPTEMBER 13 (DAY 34)** – It's Friday. But Sunday's coming. Todd will be involved in leadership training workshops today. Our other team mates will be holding special events for the children today. Pray that the kids will have ears to hear and hearts to obey the invitation that the Father is extending them today. Pray that God will give Todd specific and supernatural insight and wisdom into the leadership issues that need to be addressed with Aruamu leaders. Pray also that God will give the right words, idioms, illustrations, and phrases to communicate clearly and deeply with the Aruamu leaders. Pray also that God will grant power during the preaching hour tonight. Pray that God will arrest the attention of those whom he is calling this evening. Ask God to move in the midst of the worship, the preaching, even the times of celebration this evening.

**SEPTEMBER 14 (DAY 35)** – The crusade has been going for a few days now. People continue to arrive. At writing, it is expected that there will be as many as 800 in attendance at the crusade. Today is women's day and there are all sorts of workshops and events for Aruamu women to participate in. Todd is continuing today with leadership workshops and discussions. Pray for God's hand to be on Todd's mind and heart as he interacts with the Aruamu leadership. Pray for opportunities to show God's unique power and the power of the cross in the daily life and leadership of each leader in attendance. Pray for the preaching of the Word this evening. The theme for this week is *Free in Christ* (English translation). Pray that as Todd preaches this evening, many will follow in the triumphal procession of Jesus from death to life, from bondage to freedom in Christ. Pray for breakthrough in the hearts of those who are attending, that they will know what it is to have Jesus shepherd their

hearts, heal broken relationships, bring children home from wandering in sin, establish households as sanctuaries of peace and God's Spirit.

**SEPTEMBER 15 (DAY 36)** – Today is the final day of the crusade, with preaching morning and evening and general Sunday afternoon activities—naps, soccer games, story-telling, etc. Pray for renewed energy for all involved. Pray for a tidal wave of spiritual renewal and revival to roll across the Aruamu today. Pray for an outpouring of God's Spirit today. Pray for healing for the sick. Pray for freedom for the prisoners. Pray that blind eyes will be opened. Pray for the proclamation of the Word, the year of the Lord's favor, the victory of the Savior, the life of Jesus. Pray that this day will begin an ongoing and sweeping revival, a gurgling fountain of God's life flowing into many streams out of Tiap and into the lives and communities wherever the believers who go out from here return to.

**SEPTEMBER 16 (DAY 37)** – Today is Independence Day for Papua New Guinea. This is an afterglow day, really. Many attending the crusade will be walking home or catching a PMV back to Madang or elsewhere. Pray that the blessing that began here will accompany each person wherever they go. Pray that this will be but a beginning of much good to come. Pray for thanksgiving to ring out from this place. Pray for sustained power in the preaching, in the testimonies, in the casual conversations, in the story telling, in Proclaimer sessions . . . Pray for God to do something remarkable here.

**SEPTEMBER 17 (DAY 38)** – Tuesday. Heading into Madang, God willing, today to rest and prepare for the journey home. Much has been accomplished. Pray today that Todd will have good conversations with the missionaries he has yet to get acquainted with, with old friends, and with co-workers. Pray that Todd will have strength, clarity, and ability to wrap up responsibilities in Madang before leaving on Saturday. Pray for God's grace and mercy to rest on each word, each conversation, each encounter, that Todd will be a blessing and encouragement to all that he encounters. Pray for the Aruamu today, that the experiences of the crusade—the workshops, celebration, worship, and preaching will leave a lasting imprint on the heart of each attendee. Pray for a powerful move of the Spirit in each life.

**SEPTEMBER 18 (DAY 39)** – Pray that Todd's stamina will hold out. Ask God to give him wisdom as he finalizes details and has final conversations regarding a return to PNG with the family in 2014, the sorting out of the mission station at Uria, the translation work, checking, etc. to be done in the intervening months. Pray that Todd will have wisdom in choosing what to bring back to the U.S. and what to leave. Pray that there will also be lasting blessing for the Somau Garia left in the wake of Todd's visit.

**SEPTEMBER 19 (DAY 40)** – Two days until return travel. Pray for safety in transit, for travel mercy, for much to be learned and gained through this brief foray back into Melanesia. Pray that our family will have a clearer idea of how to proceed from this point forward. Pray for the Father to move in our hearts that we will have the courage and resolve to re-engage this challenging call. Pray for a clearer vision to grip our imaginations about the coming days.

Thank you for praying with us during the last 40 days. Please pray the next few days as you remember as my travel won't conclude until late Sunday night. Pray also, friends, that we'll be able to tell the story well when Todd gets back from Papua New Guinea. Blessings!