

Store'ies

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Praises and Prayer Requests

- Praise God for the snail who reminded us that we are making "progress."
- Praise God for NILD being offered in the Philippines
- Please pray for Todd as he continues to battle back pain
- Please pray for Cathy as she attends the level II NILD training during the first two weeks of June.
- Please pray for clear direction about our future and what God has for us.

A snail named "progress"

Alyssa recently observed a snail slowly crawling up the screen of a window. She was amazed at how slowly the snail moved. "I bet he won't even get to the top of the window before class is over," she said. About twenty minutes later she looked over and was so surprised to see that the snail had moved over two feet and was almost at the top of the window!

We told Alyssa that even though the snail moves very slowly and you can barely see him moving, he is moving and with time he will make progress that you can measure. God gave us that snail to encourage her that even though it feels slow at times,



Drew conquers the mud at the river.

she is making great progress. She decided to name the snail "Progress." We thank God for this literal word picture.

We are seeing progress in many other areas as well. Todd has completed inventory of all of the items in the store, a slow and laborious project. He is building relationships with the workers in the store and has begun to develop some management teams. He has become proficient in Tok Pisin (the common language) and in the role of the job.



Alyssa enjoy a large butterfly.

2 Hours for Eggs and 3 Kina a Rat



Getting eggs to the store in Ukarumpa.

The roads between Ukarumpa and the nearest cities are full of potholes which make for a bumpy ride. This is an even greater concern when the cargo is eggs! Our egg supplier was unavailable to connect with the store workers where they usually do, so Todd and another worker made a two-hour trip to Goroka just to get eggs.



A nest means a big pay-off!

Another ongoing trial at the store involves rats, always abundant wherever there is food. Of course the store has a lot of food, so all of the employees get 3 kina (about \$1.50) per rat that they catch. The current tally of rat captures is always an interesting discussion. We are thankful that the system is working and the rats haven't had a major impact on the food that can be offered in the store.

- Todd & Cathy Lindley

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NILD update

The level II course is being offered in the Philippines and Cathy is there attending a two week course which will result in 3 Master's level grad credits in Educational Therapy. Not all of the expenses have yet been covered. If you would like to contribute directly for this opportunity, you can note "NILD" on your donation. ([Online link available.](#))