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First time . . .

Christafari performed in the highlands of Papua New Guinea! God laid this vision on Todd's heart about a year ago. It was so amazing to see it come together. The following is a note Todd wrote to our community the day after the event:

What a night!

Thank you to all who prayed and participated in one way or another in yesterday's Aiyura Valley Ministry Outreach featuring the gospel reggae band, Christafari!



Pastor Mark, lead singer, told me last night he thinks there were "close to 5,000" people in attendance (he's got 25 years of experience in 'counting' crowds, haha) and MANY of them



were you! Thank you! More importantly, many multiple hundreds acknowledged the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives and the call to Jesus.

As such, be sensitive and aware of people you come in contact with—or already know—in the coming days, weeks and months who might be 'wrestling' with something that was shared. May I encourage you (and me, too!), to intentionally seek those you engage with (e.g. "be there"). Strive to be the agent-of-change

God wants to use (I say all this for me first and foremost).

Here, below, is the stage/grandstand early this afternoon—the day after. In the same way the



wind is pushing the tarps/canvas in the back in this photo, I believe so, too, is God's Spirit in those He touched last night—many of whom were right there in front of the stage (i.e. He's moving). It's all about the next step, the next day. Wherever this note finds you, may it find you continuing to pursue our Papa, love his children and edify our brothers and sisters long after no one is looking.



tTodd with the band's manager, Torie Ho'opi'i.

Todd thanked over 70 people for helping out with this! Even the stage above was built to make the event possible. What an amazing sense of community and what a pleasure to see God at work in it. We watched a lightning storm moving away from us during the concert. Thank you for praying for this concert. Our Papua New Guinean friend, Sisi, told us she had never seen a live music concert!

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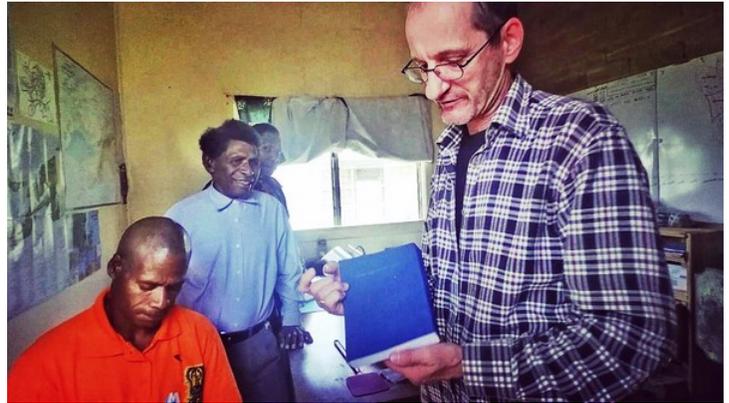
Praises and Prayer Requests

- Praise God for an amazing turn out to the Christafari concert and for all the details coming together including no rain! Pray for those who made decisions, that they would grow in their faith.
- Praise God that Cathy is enjoying teaching the 9th grade English class and that Drew and Alyssa are doing well in their schoolwork.
- Praise God for an opportunity to go home through New Zealand and for friends there who are providing us a place to stay!
- We have many PNG friends who have lost loved ones recently to illnesses; one was a student in Andrew's class. Please pray for families who have lost loved ones.
- Also, please ask God what He would lead you to pray.

Obie Obien on Instagram (Christafari Guitarist)

Obie says of the following picture as taken Tuesday, 4 October, 2016:

"We had the privilege of meeting Markus and his team of co-translators in action. At this moment, they were working on translating the book of Acts into the co-translator's recently discovered language of Pinai-Hagahai, which doesn't have a full translation of the new testament yet. To give an example of the dedication and difficulty of this work, Markus and his team worked for years to create an alphabet from scratch for this language as well as document it's vocabulary in written form. This language doesn't have a word



for "believe" so in place of it they came up with "I say and know that it is true." Seeing these translator's hearts to literally spread the gospel to the ends of the earth, and seeing the sacrifices they make of moving themselves and their families out here to these remote villages was absolutely awe inspiring. Keep these missionaries in prayer. To learn more about what they do visit www.silpng.org [#ChristafariMissions](#) [#MelanesiaMissionsTrip2016](#) [#Musicianary-Journeys](#) [#PNG](#) [#Highlands](#) [#SummerInstituteOfLinguistics](#) [#Wycliffe](#) [#Bible](#) [#Translators](#)"



Headed "Home" Soon

We plan to be back in Oregon for a furlough from January to June 2017. It's hard to believe we've already been away almost two years. We are looking forward to coming "home". We feel like all we do is go home no matter which direction we travel. We are SO VERY THANKFUL to have a

home in both locations. We are looking forward to visiting with all of our US home friends and family soon. Please pray for safe travels. We are blessed to spend some time in New Zealand on the way home! We found inexpensive airline tickets through that route. We are grateful to some friends in Ukarumpa who helped us to arrange housing in New Zealand at no cost. We are so blessed! We look forward to being with you soon!

- Todd & Cathy Lindley

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Cathy with Cathy! Sisi's new baby is named "Cathy".

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