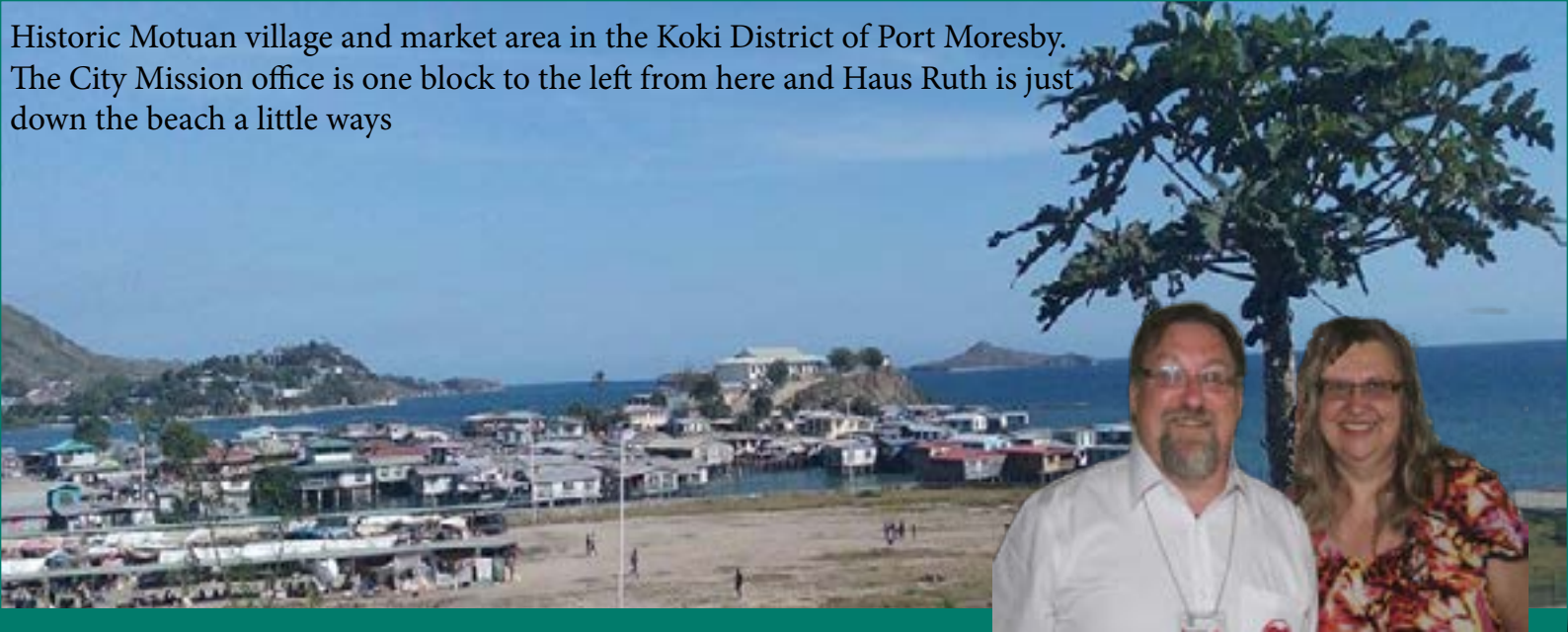


Historic Motuan village and market area in the Koki District of Port Moresby. The City Mission office is one block to the left from here and Haus Ruth is just down the beach a little ways



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With Steve and Brooke Highlander

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Stuff to Pray About



There are many exciting things happening right now. This year will be a significant year for City Mission and Brooke and me. Your prayers for and with us are so much appreciated.

- Brooke and I celebrated our 18th wedding anniversary with a short trip to Cairns, Australia. This is significant because one of the things that brought us together 19 years ago was a call to missions. Pray for us as a couple.
- I have been asked to teach at several Four-square Churches and start doing some pastor's conferences. Pray for travel expenses and for God's anointing and wisdom to help these pastors.
- Health: We're both over a long-standing bout with bronchitis, but we are headed into malaria season. Colds and flu are common here and seem to hang on forever,
- We have open doors to do outreach in the notorious 6-Mile settlement, as well as in a second settlement. Pray for our safety and effectiveness. We're trusting God for healing and miracles to get these people's attention.
- City Mission has started a ministry to street children (estimates say up to 3000 or more live on the streets in Port Moresby). We will be the 1st program of its kind in PNG.
- Spiritual warfare over City Mission as a whole. Satan tries to stop the advancement of God's Kingdom on earth.

Ministry Update

What we have been doing and what is on the horizon

From Steve: We've been in PNG for nine months now. In that time we have settled into our ministry responsibilities comfortably. In my role as Administration Manager I have worked to bring better organization to our headquarters office.

Late last year I established a scholarship program for some of the young men who are graduating from our 14-month residential program. We currently have two key donors and several educational institutions, including a Bible college, that are working with us.



I also facilitate local and international volunteers. In the past few months we have had a woman from Australia working with doing photography and marketing. We have had two teams from the USA visit the Farm and minister here,

including village outreaches. Other volunteers include college students, embassy workers, business people and ex-pat wives.

In January a couple from London visited with the goal of setting up a coconut oil production facility for us.

One of my jobs is to be the admin-

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Become a Virtual Missionary

Would you like to become more involved in World Missions? Access to the Internet has opened many doors to both those who want and need ministry and those who want to minister around the world. There are many ways you can get involved as a virtual missionary.

- **Adopt a country** and develop a burden to help. (We suggest PNG of course). Do your research online: Read articles, watch videos, check out country data, and talk to your missionaries. Find out how to pray and what areas you can get in-

Website

Visit our website at stevehighlander.com to sign up for our E-mail newsletters, get links to our blogs, Facebook pages, email addresses, phone numbers, links to previous newsletters or, if you would like to help support our mission work in Papua New Guinea.

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Time and Date

We are 13 hours ahead of USA Central time DST.

8 AM on Sunday here is 5 PM on Saturday in Missouri.



Every Tuesday young men show up at the City Mission headquarters in Koki to apply to enter the program. In January we had two weeks when an average of 50 per week show up. We could only take 20 out of the dozens of applicants in January. The rest were told to try again later. Some of our boys have walked for days from their remote villages to come to City Mission. Our current capacity is 170 boys in the residential program, we are full all the time.

Become a 'Virtual Missionary'

volved with.

- **Pick a people group to minister to.** There are over 6,600 unreached people groups left in the world. I am Vice President of SEAMisT an organization training missionaries for S.E.Asia, go here -- www.seamist.org -- to find out about people groups in S.E.Asia or <http://joshuaproject.net> to find out about unreached people groups all over the world.
- **Develop relationships** with people in your chosen country -- missionaries, ex-pats and local people. Be creative. Missionaries all over the world have to develop relationships of trust before they can start ministering. Talk to your missionaries, check out chat rooms for specific countries, etc. (Resist the urge to evangelize the world in a week. True missionary efforts are long term propositions.)
- **Connect with a local missionary** to see how you can assist them (prayer, finances, resources, expertise, etc.)
- **Use the Internet to "Go Live"** with video conferencing. With Internet technology today you can become involved in house church meetings around the world. Host Bible studies and minister to people individually or in small groups.
- **Blog/Web sites:** Build a blog site to write articles or post resources and links that third world pastors can use to study and get resources. Most 3rd world pastors have some Bible school training, but it is often limited and they usually have no resources for their local churches or for continuing education. They are starving for good teaching and resources. You can help. (see our example at www.c3ministries.com)
- **Become a partner** with a local church, pastor or Christian worker. Get involved, pray for the ministry, and become a part of a local church in your chosen country.
- **Advocate for your country, specific people groups and ministries:** Share your story and virtual missionary journey. Speak to bible studies, women's or men's groups, Sunday Schools classes, youth groups or even community organizations as the Lord opens doors. Help raise funds for specific needs. In the past we have paid for the tin (\$200) and concrete (\$200) for a church, bought goats (\$35 each) to help families have milk, cheese and start a herd. You can collect Bibles, or study materials, etc.
- **Recruit other virtual missionaries:** As you share your adventure ask others to get involved in world missions.

Ministry Update

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istrator over Haus (House) Ruth, our shelter for victims of gender based violence. We just received a 3-year grant of 390,000 Kina (\$156,000 USD) to expand our program to include more services to children. PNG is just now acknowledging the problem of child abuse and street children.

There are NO Children's Crisis Centers (CCC) in the country. City Mission will once again be on the cutting edge of social services by developing the first CCC. (We were the first long-term women's shelter and are still the largest of the few that exist nation-wide.)

The renovation of the current facility to include space for ministry to children and the development of the programs will be my direct responsibility. Additionally, we plan to build an entirely new facility on the farm starting at the end of this year. This will allow us to expand the program even more.

On the ministry side of things I continue to teach a Bible doctrines class twice weekly to about 70 young men. I also help lead New Life Four Square Church and preach and teach there once a month. New Life has about 250 members. I have also started to do a couple of Wednesday night services per month at our Koki Dorm in Port Moresby.

We are praying for God to open a door for us to do some serious outreach in the 6-mile settlement, one of the more notorious areas for poverty, crime and illiteracy in Port Moresby.

As we travel around more and more doors are opening for us to minister at pastors conferences and leadership seminars, as well as in churches. Paul asked the early church to pray for him that, "an effective door of utterance would be opened," for him. We ask the same.



Baptizing new believers in the ocean. 17-year old Kelela has a heart to reach her friends in the village and has started a group for teen girls. By the time you read this we will have just had another baptism service with about 30 young men following Jesus in believer's baptism.

Right: Michael Melechon is my friend and Vocational Training Leader at the farm.

Inset: My friend, pastor Magi Goro, the Regional Four Square Director over our area

Bottom: Huli Wigman from the Highlands. Each man spends years weaving their unique wig from their own hair, feathers, cloth, bone, teeth, tusks, etc. This is authentic tribal ceremonial dress for that people group.





Life on an Island

Brooke's thoughts on life and ministry

Hi everyone! We are into our 9th month in Papua New Guinea, and things are just heating up around here, physically, spiritually, and ministry-scope-wise.

It's rainy season, so the humidity is awful, usually 80-100% hu-

midity, which means, not that it's raining, but that the air is holding the maximum amount of water, given the temperature of the area. When it isn't raining, it feels like you're breathing in water. Still, the temperature is actually down a bit during the rainy season, so it's usually in the low to mid '80's, which is better than the 90's that it was before Christmas. Thank God for the air-conditioning in the bedroom, to which I can escape when I need to!

Spiritually, the church on the farm is heating up, as well. The boys on the worship team are beginning to learn how to move in the Spirit and even prophecy. The altar calls are bearing much fruit, as 30 or more boys and villagers have been coming to the front every week. Personally, I'm finding that being in full-time ministry actually makes it more essential to discipline one's self to do daily devotions and stay connected to God. Even though the team members are all committed Christians, Satan attempts to bring disunity and contention so as to distort or slow down the work of God here as anywhere else there is a moving of the Spirit, and it takes humility and a close walk with God to keep things going in the right direction, as well as to respond rightly when out-and-out attacks against the ministry come.

Ministry-wise, I have had the privilege of not only conducting my weekly meetings at the women's safe house, but have been able to teach some informal training sessions for three Social Worker students from the Solomon Islands. They were delightful and very eager to learn. Steve and I are just about finished helping write and edit a book for a friend who travels the world. Also, I spent a couple of months helping with the literacy teaching at the farm, but discontinued that when a full-time teacher was hired. It was fun getting to know the boys, and I learned an invaluable lesson during that time: they find it much easier to learn when we are telling personal stories and encouraging them to tell their stories as well, in English, of course! First lesson of Missions- storytelling!

City Mission has been promised enough grant money to double our capacity in the next year or so, and to begin a Children's Crisis Center on the farm, which means Steve will be given much more responsibility, as the CEO will be busy taking care of donor and legal issues, leaving the daily management to Steve and the farm manager, Pastor Kirt. Steve is already finding the pace has picked up substantially, but he is finding his stride. I'm very proud of him. At the moment, I'm doing research and writing staff policy and training manuals for our new Children's Crisis Center. I certainly don't have a problem staying busy....

I just want to thank all our friends and supporters for your prayers. We feel them every single day, and frequently find things miraculously working out when it seemed like they weren't going to. That is most certainly the result of the prayer support we receive. Blessings upon blessing on all of you!

Testimony of a Supporter

We were encouraged to include this testimony in our newsletter this month. When we first started our journey to the mission field, a long-time friend, Nancy, said she felt like God wanted her to support us with a significant amount monthly. She really didn't feel that she had the extra money, but was determined to be obedient to what God has directed her to do and believe that God would bless her. She has shared repeatedly how God has blessed her financially over the past 9 months. Here is her testimony this month.

Would you like to hear how great God is?

My job at The hospital has been torture. My back is bad, I'm in pain all of the time and I just don't like the hours

I started looking for another job last night, and I got a call from my old job, the one I was traveling with, and they want me to do a 6 month consulting job for them; 25 hours a week and more money an hour than I've ever made! God is so GOOD!

.....And they are paying for my expenses... and mileage!

I know being a faithful giver to your ministry has put me where I am now. ~Nancy

We want to be quick to say that it just isn't our ministry ... God LOVES a cheerful giver who has determined in their heart to bless others and reach the world for Christ. Include missions in your prayers and giving ... you will not be disappointed.

Thank You

for making a difference in our lives.

