

The Peace of God

When we first moved to Papua New Guinea, we all fell in love with this old man, Jakop. He lived in a hamlet about a 45-minute hike away, but he and his family were very involved with us from the beginning. He called us his children, and always very enthusiastically greeted us every time he saw us! Jakop was one of a kind—but he was pretty old. We all prayed that he would live long enough to hear the gospel.

Fast forward about five years, and Jakop was still alive and strong! And he was so faithful to attend our chronological teaching. He believed the gospel and was saved! Jakop's faith grew . . . he loved talking about the Lord and how Jesus had rescued him—and he loved talking about the hope of heaven that he now had.

About two months ago, Jakop got very sick. It was right before our baptisms. He was very weak but was able to be carried to the baptism site and proclaim his faith publicly—praise the Lord! But a few weeks later, he developed symptoms our doctor suspected could be congestive heart failure. We all had conversations with him, and his faith did not waver. He continued to tell us that he was not scared to die . . . that because of what Jesus did for him on the cross, he knew he would be going to be with the Lord.

One Sunday morning, Jakop took a major turn for the worse. We went to check on him and it was evident that he was probably near death. He looked at us and said, "I am leaving later today." We asked where he was going to go and he said, "I'm going to go to be with God." We prayed with him and gave him some medicine (a last-ditch effort on our part to try to save his life). But later that night around 1:30 a.m. we heard the wailing begin and we knew that he was gone. Just like he said—he had gone to be with the Lord. We will sure miss having Jakop here . . . but wow, are we happy for him, that he is in heaven with his Savior. And we will see him again some day.

*As told by missionary Rachel Mueller
on Facebook*

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Thou wilt keep him
in perfect peace,

whose mind is stayed on thee.

Isaiah 26:3a

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Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Pastor Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn # 147 How Great Thou Art

Welcome and Announcements

Rom Marks

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song

Hymn # 140 Great is the Lord

#141 Father God

Offertory Prayer

Craig Alexander

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Special Music

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Covenant Choir

Sermon:

Pastor Don Mauldin

Hymn of Benediction

Shine, Shine, Shine!

Covenant Ministries

Our ministry for February is the Gainesville Community Ministry. They provide compassionate emergency care for those who cannot help themselves. They provide, through education and support, the kind of assistance that will encourage those who can be helped to end a cycle of poverty and despair. They specifically offer support with food, clothing, medical care, some financial support, and education.

The Hard Truth

“Now what are you planning to do about that excess weight you’re carrying around?” the doctor asked the patient.

“I just can’t seem to lose the weight.” the patient said.

“Must be an overactive thyroid.”

“The tests show your thyroid is perfectly normal.” The doctor said. If anything is overactive, it’s your fork.”

**Worship is just responding
to the greatness of God.**

Bob Rich

Love one another.

Jesus