



MOSAIC NIUS

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*“Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vine,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,*

*yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will be joyful in God my Saviour.*

*The Sovereign Lord is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
he enables me to go on the heights.”*

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Those were the words of the prophet Habakkuk when he complained to God about the trouble the Israelites were facing and God's plan to resolve the problems.

It's easy to praise God when things are going well, but I find it difficult to rejoice and be glad when things don't go so well. And that is what I'm feeling God is teaching me throughout this month.

Have you ever had moments in your ministry where you wonder, could there be any more thing that could go wrong? Well, that's basically how my month of October is turning out to be.

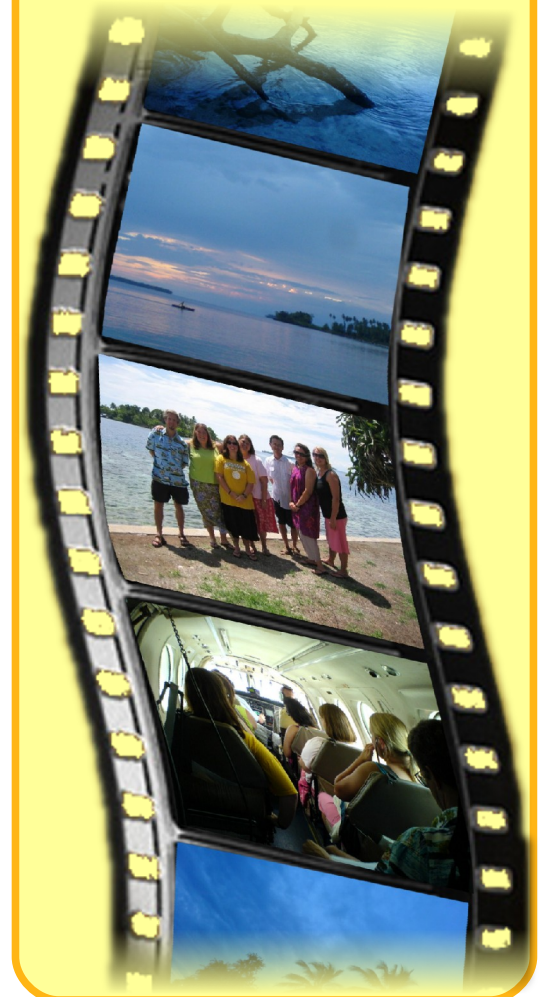
After returning from a short break in Madang on 1 October, even before setting foot back at Lapilo, I've received calls that the server in Hoskins (the regional support centre for the Islands region) went down and I was asked to help diagnose and resolve the problem. So the first night back in Lapilo was spent trying to get the server up and running for Hoskins.

The next morning, after we got the server in Hoskins up and running, we received calls that the medical clinic's network was down, and soon after that, we received calls that the Lapilo guest house had lost their network as well. As it turned out, there was a big lightning storm just before we returned to Lapilo on Wednesday that had fried a number of network switches. So we promptly switched the ports and got them back online.

The following week, we had a problem with the wireless network link out to Interface (a campus which hosts a four to six-week college level missions course for people to experience what tribal church planting is all about, as well

Madang

*Though it rained most of the day
while we were there,
and the sun didn't come out often,
though I was stupid enough to try
and snorkel with waves pounding
along the reef,
and got cut pretty badly by the
corals
though I didn't get to see Nemo or
his friends,
and didn't make it on a boat trip
out to the islands,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
and be joyful in God my Saviour.
For the Lord is my strength,
he makes me soar on wings like
eagle,
he enables me to go on new
heights.*



as other conferences throughout the year). Praise God, after resetting the wireless links at intermediate stations brought them back online.

Then on Friday, while helping a missionary change his user profile in Microsoft Windows, somehow I managed to lose all his data, which included much of the revisions for a Bible translations he has done for the tribal churches. Though he had most of these data backed up, it was terrible to have lost such important data when doing something so trivial.

Last week, the HF email system stopped working and all the missionaries in tribal locations were not getting their emails as the system stopped retrieving their emails and sending it over the radio. We were able to contact the programmers who wrote the software and was given a patch to apply to the software to enable it to continue retrieving emails.

Then on Thursday, we had another email problem, this time, for some unknown reason all the emails were routed to the wrong location, so one missionary was inundated with hundreds of emails while others were not receiving any.

Finally, on Saturday night, the entire network went down, so on Sunday morning at 8am, the phone started ringing with people complaining that they couldn't get their emails or get on the internet. It turns out that the power to the server room was somehow cut so after the emergency battery ran flat, the servers promptly turned themselves off.

And when you think things can't get any worse, this week will see the staff in the computer department cut by a third with Katie finishing her four months helping with the administrative side of the department, so things will get even more busy for the two person remaining here. While, most people are easy to work with, and you feel like bending over backwards to help them, there are some that can be a struggle. Please do pray for patience and perseverance as we serve the missionaries here, and not to show favouritism or partiality when we do.



Dinner at Madang: Paul (from left), Hannah, Paul, Moses, Gail, Emily, Katie and Andrea

Praise and Prayer

- * Praise God for provision of a break in Madang, and praise God the networks and servers all function well during that time.
- * Praise God for trials and difficulties we had with the networks and servers here, pray for wisdom to handle and prioritise the work at hand.
- * Continue to pray for the chronological bible teaching in New Ireland with the Parpatar people. They are up to the exodus from Egypt into the promised land. Pray that God will continue to work in the hearts of the people and open their eyes to the truth.



- * Pray for the upcoming cultural awareness retreat coming up on 31st October to 2nd November.

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