

Lunow Update June 2022

Hi everyone,

I wanted to give you all a quick update/summary of what happened on my last trip to West Papua. I have been back three weeks now and fully recovered from the inevitable 'jet lag'. My secretary has been quite sick this past week but is now on the road to recovery, so thanks for your patience in receiving this update.

Here are some of the highlights:

Safe travels and a Visa on Arrival--After two years of 'lockdown' Indonesia once again offers a VOA (Visa On Arrival) at the airport. This is considered a tourist visa that comes with restrictions on what I was allowed to do while in country. Immigration actually checked up on me after they saw pictures the Papuans had posted on social media. I guess they monitor the internet, but after explanations given, no problem. First time that has happened.

Bank account still active after two years outside the country--The churches had been giving money for my father to be buried in the 'village' after he meets Jesus. I was able to access those donations to prepare for the eventual celebration of my dad's work among the Sougb tribe. He is failing, sleeping a lot, but in good care.

Friends in political positions that lent me a suitable vehicle--As is the case in so many countries around the world, it's not so much WHAT you know as it is WHO you know. God's provisions were abundant to meet every need for travels and distribution of supplies.

Reconnecting with ministry partners--Many of our partners have been waiting for over 2 years now for me to come back, assist them, visit their ministry areas. It was a sweet time of fellowship and mutual encouragement.

Unity in implementing the Chronological Bible Study program--There is now a team in place that can handle all things pertaining to this program—teaching/learning God's Word, meeting in small groups with face to face interaction and meaningful participation, to know Christ and to make Him known.

3 additional tribes joining the Chronological Bible program--The Hatam, Mulye and Meyah tribes have shown an uncharacteristic unity in joining this program. I don't usually use numbers, but there are around 5-6000 young people who have started studying the scriptures, starting in Genesis, going all the way to Revelation. I wonder, if in a general way, you would pray for them. Whenever God starts something, Satan is sure to resist it.

Dedication of two new church buildings--I was surprised and delighted to learn that one of these churches named their church 'Wajah Allah', which means God's Face. How fitting. Can you say II Cor. 3:18?

Good health--Many of you prayed specifically for this. Not once did I even feel a bit down physically. This is quite unusual, as I normally get 'something' as I travel from village to village, and shake hands with thousands of people. Thank you, LORD.

Still no long-term visa--Not sure why, but there seems to be a holdup for my long-term ministry visa. Would you continue to pray for that?

Thanks again for standing strong and faithfully with us. We are hoping to see many of you this fall as we used to before the world changed on us because of covid. Planning a trip to the Southwest, CA, Midwest and eastern US, if gas has not reached 10 bucks a gallon, that is. Challenging times, to be sure, but exciting to see that God's plans have not changed since before creation. We'll be in touch on scheduling visits/meetings with you for Sept./October.

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