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# The Hulley Herald

1 Peter 5:7 *Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.*

**Dear friends,** It's been nearly a year since we arrived here in our village and we praise the Lord for His faithfulness in keeping us through every situation that we have faced and we thank Him for all the blessings that we have enjoyed. Life here is certainly not as hard as we have heard some other places are but it certainly has its challenges. For one thing because our village is accessed by road we travel along the Highlands highway to our mission base in Goroka and for our supply runs to Mt Hagen. The Highlands Highway is a tarmac road that runs from the coast in the East all the way to the West and it is the only road that goes into the Highlands. Because of the terrain the road is often blocked by landslides and huge holes caused by subsidence. The last few weeks we have had torrential rain that caused a huge landslide between here and Goroka. Basically for the last 3 weeks no traffic has been able to travel along the highway so food prices have gone up considerably and fuel has run out of all the fuel stations. Thankfully we were able to top our vehicle up and fill two containers with diesel just before the landslide happened so we have enough for now. We do have an airstrip about 45 mins drive away that we can get sunnies or fuel flown to if we are in real difficulties so that is a comfort!



**The Highlands highway**



**A recent landslide**

## Conference

March is that time when all the missionaries in the Highlands get together for our annual conference. The conference lasted for 5 days and was run by a team of folks from the USA. Whilst we were enjoying the challenges and encouragements from the Bible teaching sessions, the children enjoyed the holiday club that was run by members of the team. Even wee Georgia was a member before the tender age of 2. We were particularly encouraged with the thought that God sends trials and difficulties our way divinely tailored so that our faith will grow. Usually we have conference at another venue in the Highlands but tribal fighting in the district meant that the venue was changed at the last minute. We ended up at our Highlands base with all the families moving in with residents at the base. As well as the Bible studies and worship times we were able to relax with family games, the ladies had a women's afternoon where they were all pampered with a pedicure and some delicious treats, we also had a sports tournament, fun skit night and the conference was finished off with a banquet. It really was refreshing!

## Hold up

After conference we got the car packed up and the Wilson's and ourselves squeezed the eight of us and our luggage into our car and set off back to Wahgi. As we were driving along through the mountains along a section of road that is very windy, we were enjoying the scenery and chatting away when suddenly we drove round a bend and there in the middle of the road were two men holding guns at us. I was driving and Andrew and Ben were in the front with me. The ladies and the other kids were in the back. We had some contingency training a while ago but our world stopped for that brief second as we took in the situation. Instinctively I stopped the car and one of the gunmen came to my door and the other to Andrews side. I had forgotten to lock the door so he opened it and told me to hand over my money. Most of the money that we had we had stashed away so I gave him what I had in my waist bag which was about 70 kina (£15). He then tried to pull my bag off but I showed him that there was nothing more of value in it so then he joined his friend on the other side of the car. Meanwhile Andrew told the man that he had no money on him so the man looked into the back and noticed that Rach had a waist bag and he reached through the window and tore the bag off her waist. Again we never carry much money on our person when travelling so we were able to get the bag with Rachel's credit card back from the man. They were still nosing inside the car looking for items of value when we thought that it would be a good time to hit the accelerator and get out of there.

We were grateful to the Lord that we were spared further problems and that even though we were all shaken up we were able to get it out of our minds after a week or two. Even the kids haven't been mentioning the hold up so we are thankful for that. However we are more attentive when out driving and are trying to get some contingency gear as a deterrent to would-be robbers.

## Other News

Rach found a breast lump a few weeks before conference which our mission doctor first suggested a trip to Cairns, Australia for a mammogram, but Rach opted for removal here in a local hospital about 45 minutes drive from us. It is a Nazarene run hospital with American doctors. The lump was removed and the specimen has now been sent to Cairns for testing. Rach has recovered well.

Ben had also been having recurring infections from small sinuses in front of his ears so he had these removed on the same day – what a family day out! Unfortunately, they are not healing properly and we hope that these current antibiotics will allow the wounds to be dry and close up properly. If not, he may require further surgery, so please pray!

We are planning to come back to the UK Feb 2009 for a six month furlough. The Wilson family are going back to Northern Ireland next month and will be coming back in Jan '09. We look forward to seeing many of you again during that time and thank you again for all your support and prayers.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Correspondence address has now reverted back to the Goroka address (bottom right hand corner).

# Ben's Box

# Just Georgia



Hi everyone! I had a fantastic time at conference – I went to 'vacation Bible school' every morning for 4 hours. It was great fun; we learnt new songs, played games, did craft and colouring and had great stories. It was good to meet new people and make new friends; my Mam says I am good at that.

I was a brave boy having my operation done. I was put to sleep by an injection in my lower back. I don't like it now though as my ears are still sore and my Mam has to clean them every day which is really sore. I am also not able to wrestle with my Dad which I miss a lot!

I wasn't frightened when the robbers came to our car. We always pray that God will look after us on the road and He did. On the way to the hospital, a car was stuck on a bridge and I prayed that we could get through and they managed to move the car after a little while and then I sang a praise song to the Lord to say, 'thank you!'

**Well, would you believe that I am now 2! I had a great birthday and whenever anyone said, 'happy birthday' to me, I would answer, 'cake!' I guess you can guess what the best bit was then...**

**I am chatting away now and love to tell you what I am doing, 'I climbing now,' or when I find bugs, 'Look Mama, a spider!' I love to look at books and sometimes my big brother even reads them to me.**

**I love to sing and some of my favourites are 'wind the bobbin up' and 'who made the twinkling stars?'**

**I enjoyed conference at VBS – I was the youngest there. It was the first time that I was away from my Mam but I was a good girl.**

[Praise the Lord who always provides](#)

[Pray for the road to be opened so that we can get supplies and fuel](#)

[Thank you to God for all the prayer and financial support that allow us to work here.](#)

[Pray for continued safety, especially when travelling](#)

[Praise for a great time at conference](#)

[Pray for Rach's results to be benign and for Ben's ears to heal](#)

[Praise that we were not harmed in the hold-up and the kids were not affected by it](#)



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