

Hi Everyone, Here's the latest update from the Siar team in Papua New Guinea! Thank you for continuing to pray for them!

This Friday we will welcome 40 students for our Wayumi College Course. Pray with us that the students who come will catch a vision for being a part of reaching people like the Siar!

Greg & Hannah

Chris from the Siar team writes:

Have you ever watched the waves of the ocean relentlessly crash on the rocks? As you sit and watch one unleash its power on the rocks, there are many behind it waiting their turn. There seems to be no break or rest for the helpless rocks; it's perpetually pounding. When will the calm come?

Well the last 5 days of teaching have been described, by one of our friends here, as the pounding waves of God's truth being unleashed in their lives but the calm must be coming. What a wonderful way to describe the truths of God's word when Genesis 3 and 4 are clearly understood. The hard truths of what God has said about mankind, that we are all under sin and born separate from Him. Difficult truths to hear, yet necessary nonetheless. They are necessary so that the need for a Savior can be properly understood and realized in our lives. Nobody enjoys hearing bad news, even if it is true, but when it comes with God's truth, the bad news always leads us to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Last week we asked that you all would be praying for us and our Siar friends when we introduced and taught through some hard hitting passages. Be encouraged, God is working. Another one of our friends, Yelita, stated that "the teaching was so heavy that after the teaching I felt like I worked all day in the garden; I just went down to the river to wash up." God's word is hard hitting and wants to expose us to who He is and who we are in light of His perfect character and nature. When we are examined by His perfect standard, it should always be a sobering experience. We are nothing compared to Him. The waves of God's truth are pounding away in the lives of the Siar, but the calm of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is coming.

We are still about 2 months away before we get to the wonderful message of Christ however please be praying for our Siar friends that God would continue to pound away in their lives as He sees fit so that their hearts and minds will be prepared for the Good News of salvation by faith alone in Christ alone.

What's come up this week:

- Tuesday – We will be teaching on the differing testimonies of the descendents of Cain and Seth. They will be learning that Cain's descendents followed their own evil desires and gratified themselves with things of this world. However Seth's descendents started worshiping God.
- Wednesday - We will introduce what God did through the life of a man named Noah and how God saw the sins of mankind during that time.
- Thursday – God gave the men and women during Noah's time many years to believe in Him but they insisted that they didn't need Him; therefore God sent a flood to judge their rebellion against God.
- Friday – We will end the week with God judging the sins of mankind at Babel.

As you can see, this will be another week of God wanting to expose the Siar's sinfulness. As our Siar friends will be hearing these heavy truths they will also be reminded of God's promise of the Deliverer in Genesis 3:15. There is a calm after the storm!

Please continue to be praying.

Chris for the Siar team