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PNG Snapshots from the Martinez Girls!

When the Rooster Chases You...RUN!

By Ellyn Roe

Naya (13) and Jocie (11) Martinez, with their parents Noe and Lisa, are currently completing home assignment before hopefully returning this summer to Papua New Guinea where they have served since 2014. The girls recently answered Press questions about their lives as GWK's (Global Worker Kids) living in the Tigak Tribe on a tiny PNG island.

Best part of being a GWK?

We get to meet amazing people, have crazy experiences, learn new languages, and have friends all over the world.

PNG Experiences that make you smile?

The 30-minute motorboat ride across the ocean to town or back again. UNLESS it is rough. Ick. Time at the mission guest house in town (a BIT of air conditioning against the perpetual heat and humidity) and the opportunity for Jocie to buy a donut and Naya to get some kai bar (such as fried chicken or beef sausage) at a store. **Naya:** One time a rooster started chasing me and my friends. I ran as fast as I could, but he was able to peck my heels and leave marks. He was SO-O fast!

Heart and Home

Becoming a Christian:

Naya: Mama and I had bad colds so we stayed home from the church service with the Tigak believers, and we were reading Scripture. I just got a strong feeling that I wanted to become a Christian for real. **Jocie:** A couple of years ago I was really nervous about whether or not I was really a Christian—I wondered, “Am I really a Christian? Maybe I am not.” Mama reminded me not to focus on my doubts, but on what I KNOW. Philippians 4:8 really helped me with that.

YOUR ministry?

In 2019 Naya asked to start a children’s Sunday School program, and soon she and Jocie were preparing coloring sheets and Bible lessons for the tribal kids. God

used this to plant seed when one of the dads, who actually had a reputation as the island drunk, started paying attention to his child’s papers and started coming to church to learn more! We are also fluent in Pidgin and sometimes casually help our Tigak friends learn to read and write.

How are your Tigak friends the same as or different from your American friends?

They are the same in that they like to socialize and play games. They’re different in that they don’t speak English or dress the same as American kids.

Hardest Part of being a GWK?

LONELINESS. We can get really lonely, especially when we are in the tribe. Care packages and letters help a LOT. We can usually find a Tigak friend to hang out with, but we still get very lonely. And when we are in Seattle, we sometimes feel a little awkward around our friends because we have not experienced American culture like they have. WHERE IS HOME? We aren’t really totally at home in either America or PNG. Wherever we are, we miss the other place.

Describe your PNG house:

It has an open arrangement that includes a kitchen, living room, dining area and a space for home school. There is a tiny bathroom, a bedroom for our parents, a bedroom for us, and an office/guest room. We have electricity from solar power, and a huge tank to collect rain water for filtering and drinking, showering, and flushing the toilet.

Typical day?

Up early for computer math time, breakfast, home

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Banner photos, top left: Naya and a new friend from a neighboring tribe; center: Bamboo bubble wands: better than video games; right: l-r Jocie, Delisa, Naya, Sina.

PAGE 2: YOU AND YOUR GLOBAL WORKERS Twosomes Partnering with God around the World

This monthly PAGE 2 column reminds us that a partnership takes two. We should all be active, on-going SENDERS partnering with the SENT.

Compiled and edited by Ellyn Roe

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Naya (far left) and Jocie (second from right) with other GWKs at 2020 annual GW conference, just before the pandemic.

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school the rest of the morning. Then lunch (usually pasta or sandwiches), chores (sweeping, laundry, dishwashing, clean our room), followed by walking around the village to build relationships and have the village ladies check Mama's translation work.

Fever, Fire Ants and Food

Time when life was extra hard?

Everyone but Mama got Dengue Fever. Days of chills, sweats, body aches. It was awful. And anytime we were super lonely or feeling "forgotten." And, those fire ant bites! First they burn then itch like CRAZY!

Foods we miss when we are in PNG:

Kraft mac and cheese, apples, berries, cilantro, good meat.

Foods we love on our island:

Bananas, coconuts, pomelos, star fruit (the Tigak call it 5 Finger), rambutan, and "Stuff With The Guys" (rice, canned tuna, bok choy, garlic, ginger, soy sauce)—a riff on a tribal mainstay first served to Tim Harder and his Tigak work crew when Tim helped build the Martinez office room in 2016. We also eat lots of fish (bat bat, aka: mackerel) sold by the villagers who come to sell it right at our door.



Fun in church.

Partnering with Senders

How can Press readers pray for YOU when you are back in the tribe?

Naya: That I don't get super lonely or stressed. **Jocie:** That I make more time to interact and not wonder about it. I know there's so much to do, and at the same time, it can *seem* like there is nothing to do.

How can they pray for you NOW?

Naya: That my friendships here would be strong and good. **Jocie:** For all the upcoming traveling to see supporters and family in other states.

Favorite Bible Passage:

Naya: Proverbs 3:1-6. I memorized it at BPC Summer Girls Camp in 2018 and it continues to encourage me. **Jocie:** Romans 15:20, because it inspired my parents to become global workers.

Advice for future GWs or GWKs?

Life on the field will be different than what you expect, both good and bad. Mostly good. You just can't grasp what it will be like until you are actually there. Get involved, and learn to make the best of what you find there.

(And if a rooster shows up, RUN!)



Chillin' Tigak style.



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Renovation of the Heart

By Pastor Bud

Stuck to the ceiling of my childhood room were glow-in-the-dark stars. When the lights went out, they would glow, softly illuminating the room. But, after a few minutes their light began to fade. I could recharge them by shining the flashlight on them. This was only a temporary reprieve from the inevitable darkness that overtook them each night. That's the way it is with reflected light. The stars that were stuck on my ceiling did not have their own light source. They weren't real.

The Bible tells us that when Moses came down from the mountain after speaking with God, his face shone. But, like the stars on the ceiling of my bedroom, the glow on Moses' face faded (2 Cor. 3:12-13). In this passage, Paul describes the Old Covenant as having an externally generated, temporary, and fading glory. Conversely, the New Covenant is an internal renovation of the heart that produces an increasing glory emanating from the internal presence of the Holy Spirit.

Our glorious God dwells in unapproachable light (1 Tim. 6:16). Man was made in God's image to reflect His glory (Gen. 1:26). Because of sin, we have fallen short of that glory (Rom. 3:23). As believers, we are called the light of the world (Mt. 5:14). Paul says that we are light in the Lord (Eph. 5:8). Peter reminds us that God's expectation of us is that

we are to be like Him (Lev. 19:2; 1 Pet. 1:16). Indeed, believers were predestined to be conformed to the image of Christ (Rom. 8:29). Now, since Christ explained God (Jn. 1:18), if we become like Christ, we reflect the glory of God. In other words, it means that we should be increasing in brilliance as we become more like Jesus, and not becoming less luminous like glow-in-the-dark stickers.

How does this happen? Let me share with you three necessary realities that must be present if we are going to fulfill our original purpose.

1. Salvation – *“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord”* (2 Cor. 3:18). Beholding the Lord with unveiled face is a picture of salvation. Satan seeks to blind the eyes of the unbelieving so as to hide the glory of Christ who is the image of God (2 Cor. 4:4). But, God graciously shines forth in believers' hearts to give the *“light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ”* (2 Cor. 4:6). When we are saved, we behold God through Christ. But, we see in a mirror. We are not finished yet. The completion of our vision will not happen until we see Jesus face to face (1 Cor. 13:11-12; 1 Jn. 3:2).

2. Transformation – *“...are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory”* (2 Cor. 3:18). The inevitable fruit of justification is sanctification. Once saved, we begin the process of becoming more like our Father. Transformation is a metamorphosis. It is a complete change. By keeping our focus on Christ, we are transformed from the glory of fallen humanity to the glory of our Lord Jesus. Jesus said it this way, *“A pupil is not above his teacher, but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher”* (Lk. 6:40).

3. Cooperation – *“...just as from the Lord, the Spirit”* (2 Cor. 3:18). There

are two important realities of the Spirit's work:

- The efficient primary cause of the Holy Spirit – the reality is that we cannot make ourselves holy. Transformation must be a work of God. This is what Paul means by the phrase at the end of verse 18. Those who have been chosen by God are being perfected by the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit (1 Pet. 1:1-2).
- The cooperative secondary cause of the believer – Paul says it this way, *“Just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure”* (Phil. 2:12-13). To Timothy, he urged discipline for the purpose of godliness (1 Tim. 4:7). Sanctification is a cooperative effort. Our discipline effectively places us in a position to be transformed by the work of the Holy Spirit.

When we cooperate with the Holy Spirit's heart-renovating work, we reflect the image of our glorious God and shine as lights to the world. To be transformed from our darkened futile minds, to be light in the Lord is a grace beyond description. It begins with our justification. Paul taught the Romans that Jesus was *“delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification”* (Rom. 4:25). The renovation of our hearts continues until our glorification, when we will be like Jesus because we will see Him as He is (1 Jn. 3:2), and all of this for His glory alone.

God bless,
Pastor Bud

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Homeward She Comes!

While you are reading this, M.E.* is either in transit or already back in Washington state to begin home assignment. Pray for her safety, recovery from a LONG journey, the well-being and growth of the people to whom she ministers in Chad, and that her time in the Pacific Northwest will be refreshing for her and helpful to her senders.

Milestones

Deaths

Carl Siedrecht

February 26, 2021

brother of Katy Lynch

Miriam Huck

March 12, 2021

mother of Dave Huck

James Arthur Wootan

March 15, 2021

husband of Donnie Wootan

Tending the Flock

Seeing Beyond the Shell

By Steve Roe, BPC Elder

Does the Bible address how we view one another? Yes, and the Bible cuts deeply to reveal our inward thoughts as well...

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart (Hebrews 4:12).

In the New Testament, Martha represents the “Type A personality;” the planner, thinker and the do-er. She’s a mover and a shaker with high expectations, grounded in defensible logic. If people would just “get it” – or, “get with it” – according to the Martha Mentality, life would be so simple and run efficiently and smoothly. Everything would make sense, and things would get done.

Mary represents the one who dreams and ponders. In her musing, she asks: “What if?” She considers the big picture, the rabbit trails and especially, relationships. If people would only “take a breath,” slow down, think it through and contemplate, life would be so simple – walls would come down, things would run efficiently and smoothly; understanding and eager cooperation would result.

In God’s kingdom, both the Mary and Martha personalities have their invited place, calling, and function.

I love to ponder who a person truly is. We all seem to be blessed with either a Mary or a Martha personality – or somewhere in between.

When I see you, I see your shell – your style and grace, the way you walk. I see your eyes, your smile, sometimes I discern what weighs you down and what lightens your load. I see your eyes light up when you boast

about our Lord. I’m mindful of the way you interact, engage, and laugh. I hear the sound of your voice and the degree of urgency or calmness in your speech. I notice your reaction to the world around you.

We all judge the shell – the outer layer – of each other. It’s an understandable reality, connected to how we grew up, our worldview, personalities, and our expectations.

When He spoke to Samuel about the “Soon-To-Be-Anointed-King,” God reminded him in 1 Samuel 16:7, “Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” Some commentators view this passage as God rejecting Eliab even though he appeared “kingly.” Others view this passage as God rejecting David on appearance, but accepting him on the heart level. What we know for sure is that God sees “beyond the shell” into the heart.

We naturally “size up” everyone we encounter – but we only see the shell. And although we can’t truly discern one’s heart, there’s something we can do...

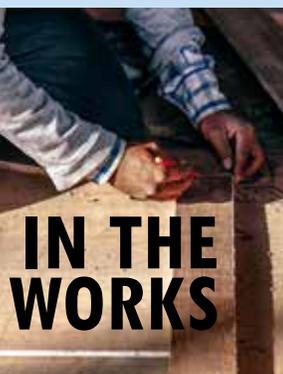
May I suggest that we routinely pause to enjoy the spiritual fact that God created us all. Related to the Church, He called each past, present, or future Believer, whether a “Mary” or a “Martha” or somewhere in between, into fellowship with Him. We are the bride of Christ. He is working on each one of us, purifying us as a people for His own possession (Titus 2:14). Take the time to peer beyond the shell’s veil to celebrate the fact that God redeemed him, her, you and me! Act upon this miracle of God’s grace, with love for one another – for God’s glory.

Restroom Project Update

By Todd Neumann, BPC Phase 1 Liaison

We are sooooo close to completion of the MPR restroom remodel project! Moon Construction expects to install counters, sinks, mirrors, and light fixtures by the

end of March. We anticipate the final City of Burien inspection to be completed and occupancy allowed in early April.



New Men's Virtual Study

"SHAKEN"

By Tim Tebow

Beginning Thursday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m., join us for this four-week virtual series.

By George Brown, for Men's Ministry

Most of us have been on the receiving end of rejection, a broken dream, or heartbreak. And while this is not an easy space to go through, when we are grounded in the truth, we can endure the tough times.

In this powerful series, Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow passionately shares glimpses of his journey staying grounded in the face of disappointment, criticism, and intense media scrutiny. Following an exceptional college football career with the Florida Gators and a promising playoff run with the Denver Broncos, Tebow was traded to the New York Jets. He was released after

one season.

In *Shaken*, Tebow talks about what he's learned along the way, building confidence in his identity in God, not the world.

To join us, you may connect in the following ways from your computer, iPad, or cell phone using a web browser:

- <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1495669752>
- Dial in at 206.278.9013 (local number)
- Back-up dial in at 623.404.9000 (long distance number)
- When you dial in, you must enter the meeting **ID number: 149 566 9752**

Save the Date(s)

Too Late for the March issue of the Press:

WORSHIP NITE

Friday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.

Children's program for infants through 5 years is available.

CHURCHYARD

CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, March 27, 9 a.m.

Bring some garden tools and gloves to help weed and clean out flower beds, lay beauty bark, and pick up garbage.

PLAN AHEAD FOR THESE EVENTS SPONSORED BY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

AWANA FINALE RECEPTION

Sunday, May 16

Following the church service, we will recognize 33 years of Scripture memory at BPC through the Awana program.

SPRING INTO SUMMER FUN

Sunday, June 6

Lunch, fun and fellowship for the whole family after church.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVE UP

Sunday, June 20

Senior Girls (Ages 11-14)

to Lakeside Bible Camp

June 27-July 3



OF ALL THE FISH IN THE SEA,

Will you come fish with me?

Father-Son/Daughter Fishing at the Siedenburgs' on Angle Lake - April 24

4 Year Olds-5th Graders

RSVP to Lisa and sign up for a time-slot:

- 7:00-8:30 am
- 8:30-10:00 am
- 10:00-11:30 am

Dad's not able to go? No problem! We'll find you a 'dad' for the morning!

Equipment provided, but if you have your own, please bring it!

RSVP to Lisa at 206-334-6775. 19453 Military Rd S, Seatac.



Photos credit: Elynn Roe

Bow Tie and Flannel: When Care Net Came Camping

By Elynn Roe

Steve and I had the pleasure of attending the March 13th Care Net Virtual Banquet while we were RV camping in Cannon Beach. After a sunny and windy afternoon on the beach, we set up our flowers, lighting, and candles. We dressed up: I in blue jeans with a sparkly blouse, Steve in jeans with a flannel shirt topped off by a black bow tie.

We ordered take-out from Newman's 988, our favorite Cannon Beach restaurant, both because the food is always spectacular, and because owners John and Sandy Newman are Christian friends and supporters of Noe and Lisa.

Our dinner was luscious: Foie gras pasta appetizer, roasted halibut, mushroom risotto, lamb chops, veggies, herb bread and crème brulee. We joined many others in worshipping with the music provided from a Christ's Church team, and heard the powerful testimony of Rebecca Hagan, who successfully reversed her chemical abortion.

If you regret missing the banquet, you can watch it at <https://carenetsps.org/light-and-life-virtual/>

Covid Can't Stop Care Net

We learned that in spite of Covid's impact, Care Net of Puget Sound served 19,000 clients in 2020. Many of Saturday's banquet attendees made donations and

as of press time, \$21,000 had been raised. While this amount is certainly a lot, it is far, far less than the amount needed so that the important work of Care Net can continue.

If you missed out on the evening and don't want to wait for the Mid-May Spring Baby Bottle Campaign, you may send donations to Care Net of Puget Sound at <http://carenetsps.org/donate> or by mailing to Care Net of Puget Sound, 1924 S Cedar St., Suite B, Tacoma, WA 98405.

Turn YOUR Pro-Life Perspective Into Action

Coming this month is the **Care Net 101 Introductory Webinar on Friday, April 23, 10-11:30 a.m.** From the comfort of your home, (with or without bow ties or food!), learn how your talents and time can be matched with Care Net's needs. EASIEST info session EVER! There are opportunities for men and women. Register at carenetsps.org

Schooner Gals Say “Even If”

Even if the worst happens, we won't lose hope.

By Lisa Siedenburg

A group of ten of us took advantage of this year's virtual IF: Gathering.* We were reminded of our role to be a light in our community.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:14-16).

In this culture of compromise, we were challenged and inspired by Bianca Olthoff and the well-known story in Daniel 3...

*Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But **even if** he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up” (Daniel 3:16-18).*

*“Faith **in** the fire. Fire is the place where your faith is transformed, not destroyed.”*
–Bianca Olthoff

In this culture of self-reliance and independence, we were urged by Joni Eareckson Tada and Katherine Wolf to make the most of the circumstances God has placed us in.

In spite of their circumstances which have left them wheelchair-bound for the rest of their lives, both ladies are on fire for Jesus and living their lives as a testimony to God's faithfulness. They challenged us to...

“Steward well the trials God as given you. Don't waste your sufferings!”

In this culture of “Kiddie Pool Christianity,” Mike Todd exhorted us to ‘Go deeper!’

“It's not safer in the shallow. An anchor is only needed in the deep. Go to a place where you can no longer depend on yourself.”

In this culture of darkness, David Platt looked at the story of Esther and reminded us...

“The darker the world gets, the brighter the light shines...God has the whole thing rigged. He is going to bring relief and deliverance in His own timing...God has put us in the place we are to bring light and save lives.”

Because of BPC's subscription with Right-Now Media, we were able to participate for free! Thank you Boulevard Park Church! We were blessed!

“God is on the move. His kingdom is coming. We want His will to be done on this earth as it is in heaven and our heart and prayer is that “on earth as it is in heaven” starts with us. And we would stop wondering if it is possible to change the world. It's possible.”

–Jennie Allen, IF: Gathering founder

*IF: Gathering is a women's conference

We Got Mail!

“Like many others during these “stay-at-home” days, I have been trying to “sort and toss.” Trying to scan through a stack of *The Boulevard Park Press* from the 80's and convince myself to throw them all away has been a delight and a challenge.

“I'm reading about friends from long ago. I'm reading about the Way Inn. I'm reading about the fun my friends had together in Toastmasters. I'm reading about the prayer and deep discussions required during the time of having to decide to leave the denomination. I'm reading stories from your missionaries, whom I feel I know better than the ones we're supposed to know in our current church. I'm inspired by so many articles written by godly people at Boulevard Park Church. I'm getting glimpses of the vibrant life of the church and the deep commitment to service within you as a Body.

“All of the things I'm reading about took place during a time when we weren't even able to be there and be part of you. **Yet, you faithfully sent us the news.** I have no idea how it is that I still have this pile of *The Press*, or where it was stored all the years we lived in an assortment of countries. We are not “hoarders” of stuff. But we ARE savers of things which connect us to people.

“THANK YOU BOULEVARD PARK PRESS for keeping us connected for decades, no matter where in the world we lived. We still aren't able to be with you, but we eagerly read every issue of *The Press* when it arrives in our mailbox.”

Blessings and love, Diane Mosman (& for Steve) [long-time BPC missionaries]

Celebrations!

April Birthdays

- 2 Betty Bennedsen
Marlene Burton
- 3 Dave Huck
- 4 Tyler Siedenburg
- 6 Madison Burt
Ellen Jackson
- 8 Anita Dakin
- 9 Penny Clifton
- 11 Maxine Desimone
Thomas Wood
- 12 Tom Horton
- 14 Nathan Roenicke
Alice Walsh
- 16 Rob Norwood
- 17 Nancy Burlingame
Josh Carvo
Sue Redhed
- 18 Lorena Gonzalez
Dan Hartley
Dorothy Rice
Ken Vogel
- 19 Tammy Schaefer
- 20 Jerry Kent
Sarah Simmonds
- 21 Miles Arnold
Scarlett Faulkner
- 22 Ginny Olson
- 24 Jerry Bingham
Maria Carter
- 25 Max Burt
Molly Burt
- 26 Ruth Feil
Kelly Siedenburg
- 27 Robert Secrest
- 29 Valentine Faulkner
- 30 Randy James

Early May Birthdays

- 1 Noah Harder
William McCreary
- 3 Karen Cross
Gary Schwatke
- 6 Karen Doerr
- 7 Don Whalen
- 9 John Hagar
- 10 Pat Peterson

If your birthday is not listed, please contact the church office.



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2021 Easter Services at BPC

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 28
10:30 a.m.

Children may join us for Sunday School at 10 a.m. to participate in waving palm branches as the the worship service begins.

Livestream accessible at www.bpcburien.org

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Good Friday, April 2
7:30 p.m.

Nursery for infants-5 years is available during all Easter services.

Go to the church website to livestream services: www.bpcburien.org

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 4
8:45 and 10:30 a.m.

Join us for donuts and coffee in the parking lot between services.

Livestream accessible only for 10:30 a.m. at www.bpcburien.org

He Is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed!