



The Florence Family

Missionaries serving in Western Province of Papua New Guinea

“By God’s Mercy”
March Florence Update ‘21

“We are thanking God for His marvelous grace that has been so abundant in these last few months.

Fly from which to draw students – all of our students are coming from ‘outside.’ However, I am glad that I was once an ‘outsider’ – an “alien” in fact. However, I have been drawn nigh through the precious blood of Christ! (Eph 2:12-13) Hallelujah!

Certainly it is only by his “mercy that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.” (Lam 3:22) As long as we keep this in mind it is a sustaining force through the struggles of ministry and life.



This month we have seen our highest attendance so far in the new church plant in Kiunga – Berean Independent Baptist Church. On March 28th we had 64 in attendance and glory to God – we saw our first soul come forward to boldly call on Christ for salvation! This church plant is located on the same property as Western Baptist Bible School and we pray that out of this church God will call many men to go out and start many, many more churches.

We have some sad news and some wonderful news to share. The sad news is that Rebecca’s dad, Charles Shaffer, passed out of this world on Thursday, March 25th. However, the wonderful news is that He is now rejoicing in the presence of our precious Lord. He had a wonderful testimony of many years of faithful service though their home church - Sylvannia Hills BC in Rochester, PA. Due to travel restrictions with Covid 19 and many other factors. Rebecca and the family will be delaying the memorial service until we can all get together at some time in the future. Your prayers for strength for the family are appreciated.



We have recently received 2 new men into the Bible School. One is from the Awin tribe which is one of the two largest groups in this area. The other is from the Middle Fly region. They are both adjusting well and learning a lot! I am thankful for Pastor Hudgens and our friends at Lighthouse BC in GA giving a special offering so that we can continue to offer the Bible Institute training free of charge for these young men. Because we have one other Independent Baptist Church in the whole North

staff house is going to be a simple 40’ container converted into a small home. It is going well and we are putting the roof onto it this month. We are thankful for those who have contributed so far and we will update on the progress more in the next update.”

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