



That They May Know YOU

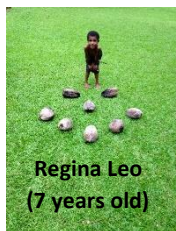


"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." John 17:3

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HOW ARE THINGS IN PNG? Answering the question can get a bit complicated. Sometimes things are wonderful here with children playing outside, the sun shining, having heard a good sermon in church, the students at Martin Luther Seminary



Regina Leo (7 years old)

eager to learn and the Library being used with enthusiasm. There are some challenges we deal with here, also. The second term at MLS has been disrupted by school fee issues, security challenges, the unexpected death of the receptionist, and a general malaise. In addition, visa issues for some of our colleagues, frequent power outages here in Lae and leadership and spiritual

issues that challenge our partner church remind us that we are still living and working in a broken world. But, in spite of these challenges and disappointments, we know that our God is Lord and that He hears and answers our prayers...and yours!



First Harvest Dinner with Leo's Family and Our Neighbor Mick Hauser

HOME SERVICE 2017! We will be home this summer (July-September) and eager to share with many of you what we have been doing (and what the Lord has been doing) here in PNG. Here is our **confirmed schedule** to date. We will be updating our schedule on our blog: www.matroplife.wordpress.com.

DATE	LOCATION	DATE	LOCATION
July 2	St. Michael, Traverse City, MI	August 27	Marco Island Lutheran, FL
July 9	Immanuel, Leland, MI	August 31	First Lutheran, Cleveland, TN
July 15-16	St. Paul, Iron River, MI	September 3	Immanuel, Wentzville, MO
July 23	Christ Our Savior, Holland, MI	September 6	International Center, St. Louis, MO
July 26	Hope, Warren, MI	September 7	Child of God School, St. Peter's, MO
July 30	Bethany, Wellington, OH	September 9	Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa
August 6	Good Shepherd, New Fairfield, CT	September 10	Zion, Denison, Iowa
August 12	St. John, Ocala, FL	September 13	Trinity School, Traverse City, MI
August 13	Our Redeemer, Ocala, FL	September 15	Bethlehem, Glen Arbor MI
August 20	Christ the King, Largo, FL	Sept 16 & 18	Trinity, Traverse City, MI
August 22	Our Savior School, St. Petersburg, FL	September 17	Redeemer, Interlochen, MI

While we will be traveling for 2 months, we cannot possibly see all of you have supported us with your prayers and gifts. But, if you are near where we are going to be, please come by to get a close up view of our life and work here and **please introduce yourself to us!**



During our time in the USA, we are both looking forward to a "family reunion" with our children and grandchildren, eating ice cream every day, navigating roads that are not full of potholes, spoiling our grandchildren, getting medical and dental check-ups and having a few days of vacation.

Thank you for your prayers, **your words of encouragement and faithful and continuing support!** We could not here without them. Please visit www.lcms.org/matro or www.missioncentral.us to learn how to support our work here in PNG.



We enjoy your email messages sent to: larry.matro@lcmsintl.org. See you soon?! God bless you!
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