

**Danny & Becca DeLoach**

# HITTING

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## AIMING

to see God's Word hit its target in the hearts of the people of Papua New Guinea

## Introducing...

On Thursday, May 19th we welcomed Wesley Robin into the world! Weighing 7 lbs. and 4 oz. and 21 in. long, we praise God for this healthy little Boy. Becca is



also doing well. Due to complications from a previous delivery, Wesley came by C-section. Becca will have a little extra recovery time, but we praise the Lord that everything went well for this delivery.

There is a little bit of "back story" to this exciting event. We had planned to leave Papua New Guinea (PNG) in mid-April to come to the U.S. for having Wesley. However, in early March the medical staff in PNG observed that Becca had developed some significant circulation problems. As a result, they advised us that it would not be wise to wait until April to travel in the cramped seats on the multi-day trip from PNG to the U.S. Instead they said we should leave PNG by the end

of March. Packing up our whole house and storing all of our belongings in two weeks!... Yikes! By God's grace and with the help of many friends it all came together. We are now in south Georgia with Danny's family caring for Wesley and preparing for the next big transition explained below.

## Accepted at Fuller

Thanks to your prayers and God's grace, Danny has been accepted to begin the Ph.D. program at the School of Intercultural Studies at Fuller in August! The only prerequisite is to complete an on-line theology course, which he is doing right now. The purpose of this program at Fuller is to investigate factors that will lead to greater use of translated Scriptures in PNG. It will also increase our capacity to train Papua New Guineans to take on more of the work. **This is not a change of ministry. It is an opportunity to become better equipped to meet the on-going Scripture Use needs in PNG, where we plan to remain actively involved.**

As members of Wycliffe Bible Translators and associate members of Lutheran Bible Translators, we continue to live as faith missionaries. This means that this ministry is only possible through the faithful prayer

and financial partners who are part of this ministry team with us. We are extremely grateful for those of you who serve together with us in this way. Your prayers, encouragement and gifts are what fuel this ministry. We value your prayers even more as we now seek to raise a healthy family in times of significant transition. We also trust the Lord to meet the increased financial needs related to school expenses and travel costs.

## Next Steps

In early July we'll begin driving from the east coast to California. Classes at Fuller start in August. Details of the study program will become clearer soon. However, a likely

scenario is that this initial stint in Pasadena will last for 12 to 18 months and be followed by a year or so of gathering data in PNG. The subsequent two years or so would be divided between writing up the results in Pasadena and potential follow-up research in PNG.

Since we did extensive travelling and speaking in churches during our last furlough, which was fairly recent, we are not planning to do a significant amount of sharing in churches during this stay (at least not at the beginning of our study program). However, re-connecting with you all in person is one of our favorite parts of this ministry, and we will let you know as soon as we can make that happen again.



## Please praise God with us

- For the safe delivery of Wesley!
- For acceptance into Fuller
- For each of you who keep this ministry moving

## Please pray with us

- For God's grace as we strive to balance our roles as parents, home-school teacher (Becca), student (Danny) and stay involved in ministry during times of significant transition
- For God's provision of the prayer and financial support to complete the path marked ahead
- For safe travel this summer

## Message from our directors

Included with this prayer letter is a message from our SIL\* directors in PNG explaining the purpose of our study program from their perspective. At this point it looks like there will be a shortfall of \$3,000 to meet our tuition costs at Fuller, even though we have applied for all assistance we can. If you would like to contribute specifically to costs of attending Fuller, please attach a note with your gift indicating "For the ministry of Danny and Becca DeLoach for Fuller."

\*SIL is Wycliffe's primary partner organization under whom we directly serve in PNG.

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Changes and prayer needs have developed at break-neck speeds recently. Many friends enjoy receiving our e-mail updates so that they can receive more up to date prayer requests and news. We usually send these e-mail updates about once or twice a month. Write us at [deloachpng@gmail.com](mailto:deloachpng@gmail.com) to sign up!

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