

## Teder's Talk May 2008

This month the Lord has blessed me, Jana, very much. I'm very thankful for all God is doing for me. I'm highlighting some of my daily life for you. My life is not that much different in many ways than working moms back home. There are still loads of laundry but no dryer. Grocery shopping but the carts are smaller so I go more often. Fresh chickens can be purchased, and I've learned to explain dead, no feathers, head or feet please. We all eat every meal here at our house and leftovers are rare. Dishes, dishes, dishes, need I say more!

Many of you know that I was hoping to get a crock-pot which I have been able to obtain. I usually use it at least 2 times a week. It helps greatly when I must work all day as I can't pull into the local Braums for burgers and fires. Not to mention that if I failed to get to the store and needed to, you make do, as the store closes at 4:00 daily. That's right store. One. Take it or leave it. If it is not there...you don't get it. Sounds awful, but our store is ran by our mission and the missionaries that run it are just like us, fully supported by the Church back home to support Bible translation in PNG. We usually have everything we truly need and often find surprises. We have learned different names for the same thing that we have back home as well as learned to enjoy some multi-cultural items because they have been purchased for the various nationalities our store feeds. It is quite obvious that Americans like their foods sweeter, spicier, and saltier than other nationalities as our brands do seem to be a bit more potent. Not necessarily the healthiest, I suppose, but oh, so tasty!

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The home owner accepted our offer. We had purposefully saved enough from the equity to get the inside of the home painted and to purchase kitchen items as there were no dishes, pots and pans etc. and we didn't already own them. We have had many items given to us by fellow missionaries and are pleased that the painters will be finished next week.

The home is one of the older ones built in 1969. It is basically a 2 bedroom with one office that we will use as a bedroom. The washer sits on the back porch and it overlooks Ukarumpa village and the Ba'e river. The house did have furnishings so we all have a bed!



We praise God for this gift as we feel that we have stayed within our budget, and it will provide some stability that we were needing. We don't actually own anything but the boards of the house as the land is owned by the center on a 100 year lease. This would not be considered investment property, although we think our view may rival some of the best.



In honor of Mother's Day Clark, working in a department with all national men but one national secretary, asked her what to get me for Mother's Day. She told him what she would want is a sharp bush knife, shovel, and grass knife, so that's what I got. Thankfully, we can hire a garden man to keep the plants from literally taking over. He will enjoy using my Mother's Day gifts. Clark was going to go to the store and get something more my style, but it was closed.

Please praise God with us for His blessing and for our new home to be used to bless others for His glory.

In Jesus,  
Jana

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