



# Word of Life

## Australia

### Your Prayers Worked!

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Dear Pastor Bill & VFBC Family,

I find it very encouraging when people pray and God answers their prayers. Thank you so much for praying for the PNG health care trip! During the two weeks, the medical team did a fantastic job in treating over 3000 patients. Many patients came with colds, infections, sore backs / knees, toothaches, and needing glasses. We were able to provide words of comfort and a great deal of medicine.



The evangelistic team did a great job of sharing the gospel with all the patients and with those who could not get in to see a doctor. We saw many come to know Christ as their Savior! There are many stories I could share, but allow me to share just one: Jay, our treatment nurse, was able to share the gospel with a couple. The husband told her that he is a “bad” man because he has two wives and because he is often unfaithful to them. Jay challenged him with the gospel message and, at first, he said, “No.” When his wife’s pregnancy test came back positive, Jay offered to pray with them; after she had finished praying, the husband broke down and chose to accept Christ as his personal Savior.



To see more photos click see the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sc/m0ggi0mvjso2c3/AACBSkn29ca6Sic6LxAyC6-8a>

Patients would begin to line up very early every day and many waited for hours in the heat and rain. Because there were always many more people who came to the clinic than what the doctors could possibly treat, my daily job became difficult after we allowed the first wave of people to enter the clinic area. It was my job to prayerfully choose a few more people to see the doctors when the doctors were ready for more patients and then I sadly had to send home the rest, regardless of how long they had been waiting. Lord-willing, there will be another health care trip to PNG in 2019 and we hope to take more doctors and nurses from Australia. Will you begin to pray now as we start to plan our next trip?

When I left for PNG, Lynda was still in the hospital trialling the nerve stimulator. The good news is that it worked tremendously for her lower back pain! There was very little relief for her pelvic pain; however, her doctor believes he can help her pelvic pain once the permanent nerve stimulator is implanted. Due to my busy schedule, Lynda can't have her implant until the 27th of January. I will have to be home for four to six weeks to help her as she will not be able to bend forward or to reach up until she is completely healed.

God has answered so many prayers in these past few months! Thank you for supporting our ministry through your prayers and/or finances! Please continue to pray for our monthly support needs and ministry. Be looking for our next email when I will be sharing about our upcoming trip to the Philippines.

God Bless,  
Jim and Lynda Dugan

Brethren, Pray for us!  
I Thess. 5:25