

The Wigglesworth

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Character building. The very words bring back memories of washing dishes at summer camp while friends played outside, or having to do homework before being allowed to go over to a friend's place. At Bible college, we had a schedule which specifically included 'character building' duties to keep the building we called home in tip-top shape (or at least that was the desired intent ☺).

In the life of a missionary, the phase we call 'Partnership Development' (raising support) is truly a phase of character building. There is the excitement of connecting with friends from various areas of life, there are times of perseverance in calling people, and there are the times of drought when nothing seems to be happening except deadlines approaching quickly.

I focus on the truth of Proverbs 16:9, "In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his

steps." As I am faithful in doing devotions, reading the Scriptures and seeking God's direction each day, He will lead me. My responsibility is to "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33).



Rather than giving in to being a Lone Ranger, I followed Wycliffe's suggestion in March to pull together an advisory/advocacy group. Since they are such a vital part of my ministry, I'd like to introduce them to you.

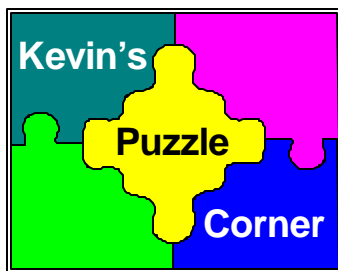
Lance Blades has been part of my accountability group since it started Sep. '98. His discerning and counsel have helped me mature as a man.

Dave Fisher and his wife Dale hosted potluck dinners for Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship when I was in first year. They've been caring friends ever since.

Bonnie Hill and I went to the Baptist Leadership Training School together after high school. This cow lover and I have kept in touch in recent years and her support has remained enthusiastic.

Sally & Laurie McAlorum are mother and daughter of a family of four. They gave me both room & board and a part in their family during my second year of university. Sally's cheerful, free spirit and Laurie's interest in missions add to our friendship.

Jane Bodrug has an incredible heart for missions. She and I have prayed for each other as God has directed each of us overseas and back again.



This letter's puzzle is a word search. Search for the underlined words you see throughout this newsletter. They appear in any direction.

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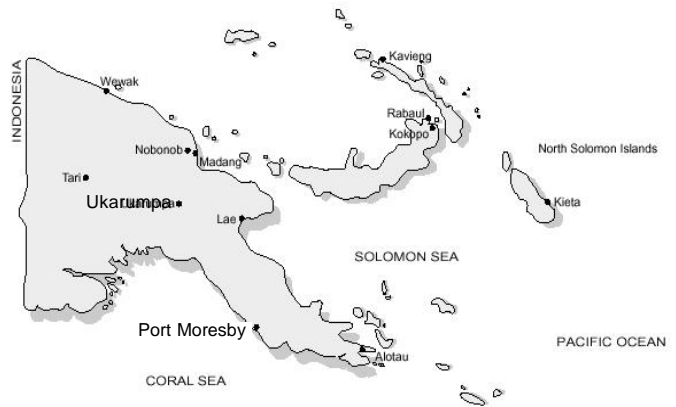
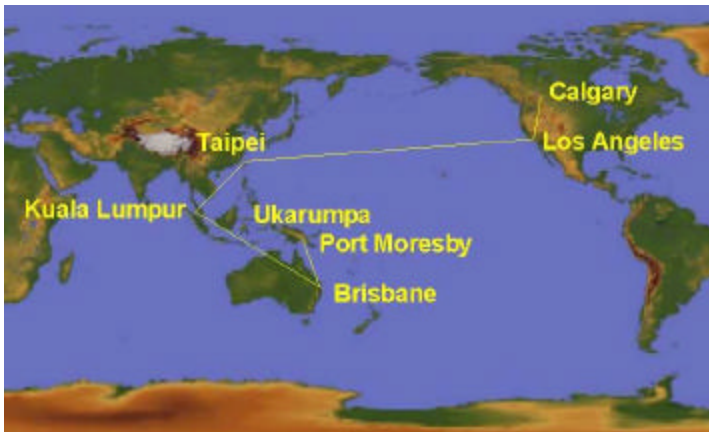
John King's son, Lance, and I were on drama tour together a year ago. Once back in Calgary, I met John and his wife Laura, Wycliffe members who spent a few years in Papua New Guinea.

Louise Crowe-Swords and I met at the drama group at Bow Valley Christian Church. She has been a friend who is never afraid of keeping me in line and is an incredibly welcoming hostess.

Getting to Ukarumpa will be quite a trip. The actual time will be 36 hours in flight and 39 hours of layovers. It includes three days, four airlines, five flights and six countries. The flight from L.A. to Kuala Lumpur has a stop in Taipei en route. My flight schedule, to the right, is in Calgary time. Calgary time is 16 hours behind PNG time during the summer (Daylight savings time). So when it's 8 PM Sunday in Calgary, it's Monday noon in PNG. I think of it as eight hours earlier, plus a day.

Located in a highland valley a mile above sea level, Ukarumpa is the headquarters and main centre of SIL (Wycliffe) work in PNG. It is located just 6° latitude south of the equator. The area's temperatures are moderated by altitude, the highest reaching 27° C (80 F) during the day and the lowest, 1° C (34 F) at night. Rainfall averages 200 to 225 cm (80 to 90 inches) a year. Ukarumpa's population is over 1,000, which includes about 170 national employees and their families.

		Calgary	time	date
Calgary	leave	19:15	25-Apr	
Los Angeles	arrive	22:32		
	leave	2:15	26-Apr	
Taipei	stop			
Kuala Lumpur	arrive	21:45		
	leave	7:45	27-Apr	
Brisbane	arrive	15:45		
	leave	18:35		
Port Moresby	arrive	21:40		
	leave	20:00	28-Apr	
Ukarumpa	arrive	22:00		



So as I embark on a career I believe God has been preparing me for during the past three decades, I would ask you to spend a few moments with Him.

Thank God for:

- ✠ prompting many people to partner with me and send me off to Papua New Guinea for the summer.
- ✠ my advisory group and their great encouragement.
- ✠ the PNG branch being as excited to know I'm coming as I am to be going.

Seek God's will for:

- ❖ final details before leaving Calgary and initial details upon arrival in Ukarumpa.
- ❖ safe travel for me (and my luggage).
- ❖ you, and how much God loves you regardless of what you're going through in your life.

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