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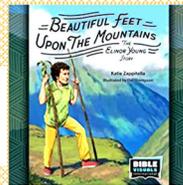
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Take Jesus to All



Short Term Mission Trips

Would you like to visit a missionary face-to-face where they are, see what they do, and help them? Help them teach the local people more about Jesus? Or maybe help paint a building for them, or help in other ways? Learn enough of the local language to say “Hi. How are you?” You wouldn’t stay a long time, but long enough to be a help. Does that sound like something you would like to do? You can! It is called a short term mission trip.

Keep in mind that a short term mission trip means doing real things for Jesus, usually with the missionaries who are there. It is not a trip to just pass out booklets about Jesus

then spend most of the rest of the time hiking or swimming or seeing stuff. You are not a tourist. You are learning and doing what a missionary does.

That is what Ashley did one summer. Ashley was 25 and a nurse. You might be younger when you go, but her story will show you what a real Mission Trip should be. You might do totally different things from what Ashley did, but like her, you will do real things to show Jesus' love - and learn more about His love for you.



Ashley's short-term mission trip started on a big boat. Not a cruise ship kind of boat. It was a boat that takes people to places where they can help missionaries who live there. For Ashley, the place was Papua New Guinea.

Where is that? Find Australia on a map, or world

globe, then look right above it. The right-hand half of the island above Australia is Papua New Guinea.



It is a country with 839 different language groups, the most languages of any country in the world. The different groups talk to each other in a language called Tok Pisin.



Ashley learned a little Tok Pisin as she and her fellow short-term workers went from village to village - lots and lots of villages. Sometimes they stayed overnight in a village and slept in open tents using sleeping bags on

★ Think About It ★

Matthew 24:14

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached, in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

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The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 *and more*



Whose kingdom is this talking about? _____

John 3:16-17 tells us what the Gospel of the Kingdom is.
One way to say those verses is:

God loved the world so very, very much that he gave his only Son. Because he did that, everyone who believes in him will not lose their life, but will live for ever. God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world. He sent him to save the world.

(Worldwide English New Testament)

Think of a friend to whom you could explain this. Practice what to say, then tell it to your friend. It is the Gospel that God wants the world to hear.

the ground and used mosquito nets.

To get from village to village, the team rode in trucks that bounced along on rocky and muddy roads, sometimes for many hours.



One time, when their work was done, and they had to wait a long time for their truck, they played in the ocean with the children there.

Ashley is a nurse, so while team-mates did other things, she helped the people who came to her table for bug bite and skin sore treatment, and for babies with tummy aches



and other things. Ashley couldn't help with big problems, and there was no hospital, but she did what she could. For example, Ashley tried to teach the mothers about keeping their children as clean as they could.

Ashley learned things from the people there, too, like what plants the village people used for sores or sickness.

Ashley learned that Papua New Guinea was unsafe in many areas, and driving on those dirt roads was often unsafe, too.

Even though she was with other people who could help her, the most important thing Ashley learned was to trust God in a new way. She said, **“We had to trust His power and protection so we could do His work.”**





About Papua New Guinea



The flag of Papua New Guinea is red and black, diagonally divided. It has a yellow Bird of Paradise and the Southern Cross constellation of stars.

One of the world's only known poisonous birds, the hooded pitohui, lives in Papua New Guinea. Its feathers carry one of the strongest poisons there is.



Many kinds of tree kangaroos live in Papua New Guinea. Not long ago, a new species, the golden-mantled tree kangaroo, was discovered there.



Each of Papua New Guinea's tribes have their own language. That adds up to almost 850 native languages. That is more than any other nation in the world.



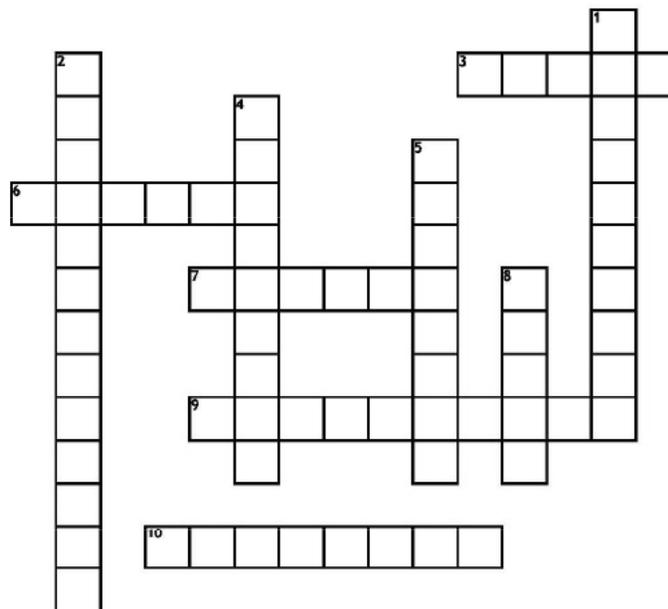
Many of the tribes in Papua New Guinea live in the mountains in the center of the island, and have little contact with anyone else. They gather food from the forests and from their own gardens.



To Papua New Guinea

Answers to the clues are in pages 1, 2, and 3.

Ashley's Short Term Mission Trip



Across

- 3. Ashley did things for _____
- 6. The village people taught Ashley what _____ they use for sickness.
- 7. The team rode in _____ from village to village,
- 9. You learn what a _____ does.
- 10. Ashley helped people with _____ and other things.

Down

- 1. They were often on _____ and _____ roads
- 2. One time the team played with the _____ in the _____.
- 4. On a map, PNG is above _____.
- 5. The most important thing Ashley learned was to _____ in a new way.
- 8. Ashley taught mothers about keeping their children _____.

Word Bank

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| Jesus | missionary | Muddy rocky | Australia |
| clean | children ocean | plants | bug bites |
| trucks | trust God | | |