



## KUDJIP, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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### MEETING NEEDS...MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Pigbel is a nasty sort of disease. The illness is caused by ingestion of food that is contaminated with a bacteria called *Clostridium Perfringens*. The bacteria produces a toxin that causes enteritis necroticans, or necrosis of the small bowel.

The literal translation of the Pidgin name is "stomach of a pig." I imagine it is called that because kids get sick after eating a protein meal, often after a mumu with pig meat. Children with chronic protein malnutrition are most susceptible. People who live in the highlands of PNG eat mostly fruits and vegetables, with occasional protein from peanuts, eggs, or chicken. So kids here are definitely at risk of protein malnutrition. Sweet potatoes also increase the risk of pigbel because they contain a trypsin inhibitor. This inhibitor blocks an enzyme and prevents the body from breaking down the toxin.

Symptoms of pigbel include abdominal pain, distention, bloody diarrhea, and emesis with black flecks. Eventually the small bowel necrosis leads to perforation and death of the patient. Antibiotics are first line

therapy, but patients frequently need surgery to remove the dead bowel.

Children with pigbel get really sick. And diagnosis is a challenge because pigbel can masquerade as typhoid, gastroenteritis, or dysentery. If you aren't on the lookout, you can easily miss a case. I know... I have.

Last Friday I was on call with Francine, one of our visiting medical students. Francine came to tell me about one of our kids on A-ward. Israel was admitted the day before with diarrhea and there was concern he might have pigbel.



He was on multiple antibiotics, but had been getting worse throughout the day. Around noon he became confused. His abdomen started to swell and a couple of hours later he began vomiting. The emesis contained

black flecks. This was definitely looking like pigbel and our patient was getting worse. It was time to do surgery.



We called in Dr. Graham, the volunteer surgeon who is covering for Dr. Jim. A hour later we said a word of prayer and started cutting. At first the bowel looked completely normal. We wondered if we had made the right diagnosis and decision. As we followed the bowel toward the jejunum, we found what we were looking for. Thankfully this is one case we didn't miss. The inflamed and necrotic area was removed, the good bowel reapproximated, and the abdomen closed. Israel did well during the surgery and is now recovering on the ward.

Wow... what a way to end this crazy week!

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## Nazarene Hospital Foundation Vision Statement

Nazarene Hospital Foundation exists to support the on going work of Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in Papua New Guinea through the collections of medicine, medical supplies, equipment and cash donations. **100%** of the supplies and cash collected are used for this purpose.

## Because You Care

Staple guns @ \$6 per staple gun  
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Oxygen concentrators @ 750ea  
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For just \$6,000 we can purchase through other nonprofit ministries enough medicines to supply the hospital for 6 months with most of the medicine they need but are unable to obtain locally. The two fold result of receiving the medical supplies and medicines is not only physical healing but also spiritual hope and healing to those who are treated at Kudjip Hospital. It is difficult for Americans to understand the emotional freedom and hope that results from knowing God in a third world country.

NHF never spends a dollar for any administrative tasks, storage, travel or lunches. All workers are volunteers and no one receives a salary or any compensation in return for their assistance to Nazarene Hospital Foundation. All funds go directly to the support of the hospital in Kudjip, Papua New Guinea.

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## Does God Really Answer Prayer?

This is our friend Suzanna, a pastor's wife. I was busy with home schooling Emma, when Suzanna came to visit 2 weeks ago. So she painted with Olivia for several hours while her cell phone charged. During a break between Math and Science, Suzanna and I had coffee and cookies together. She shared about a young man in her village, her neighbor, his name is Kiau (egg). 3 days before, Kiau had attempted to rape a 18 month old girl. This was Kiau's fourth rape, the others being young women and teens. The village was up in arms. What could they do with Kiau? Kiau's adopted father, who lives in a different city, said "Throw him in jail. I give up! There is no hope for my son!"

The 18 month old's father, a Lutheran pastor, forgave Kiau. What a miracle of God. I do not know if I would ever be able to do that! And pray that God will never let that

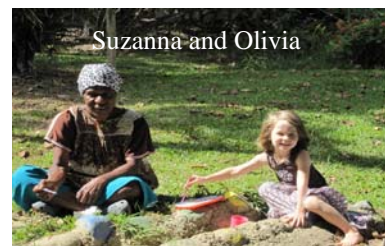
happen to our family!

Suzanna and I prayed and talked. How could anyone be so filled with evil to do these horrible things. I pleaded with God to get a hold of Kiau and change his life.

After I prayed, Suzanna said "I am going straight home, find Kiau, and tell him of God's love." To be honest, I was fearful for her and that was not my intention at all while I prayed. But God must have been directing her.

Yesterday, Suzanna came back to visit me. We talked for a long time and then I brought up Kiau. She said "Oh! How could I have forgotten to tell you! When I got home that day, Kiau was waiting for me, walked straight up to me! He had been hiding out in the bush and I thought I would have to go find him! But he found me! He said 'I am such a mess. Suzanna, I need God!'

PRAISE GOD! Do you understand what I wrote? Even while we prayed at my house, God was already working in Kiau's heart!



This man, who seemed beyond hope prayed with Suzanna to give his heart to God and asked forgiveness that day! Every day since then, he has been getting spiritually fed by Suzanna and her husband!

I am so thankful that God let me see this miracle and share it with you. No matter what you are feeling, thinking, believing...I am telling you....GOD IS REAL...GOD IS ACTIVE...YES...GOD HEARS AND ANSWERS PRAYER!!!