

THE SCHWORERS TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA



DEAR PASTOR AND CHURCH MEMBERS,

MAY 2026

Praises:

The month at our home church went very well.

Prayer Requests:

Safety, health, homeschooling, more churches continue to take us on for support, and visas.

Pulpit Echos Trifecta

It feels odd that we only had two meetings since the last prayer letter, given how crazy this month has been, but that's because we came back to our home church for a month after having been away for seven. Our last Florida meeting at Memorial Baptist in Ocala, FL went very well. Melissa and I were impressed by the compassionate heart of the pastor and the people, while it didn't feel like *our home* - it felt like *a home*. The next meeting we had was after the big drive to Pennsylvania from Florida, and it was at Pastor Brian Lott's church in Butler, PA. Our pastor, Jeremy McClain, is part of a trio of pastors called "The Pulpit Echos" that sing at meetings along with Pastor Brian Lott and Pastor Keith Troyer. Last month we completed what I am calling the "Pulipt Echos Trifecta Achievement" by going to the final church of the pastors' trio. It was a really good missions conference, I was particularly moved by need for churches in PA and New England as many of the missionaries at the conference were focusing their efforts that direction.

Twenty Years for Pastor McClain, My Ordination Service, and the Best Surprise Ever

While in Greenville, the church celebrated Pastor Jeremy McClain's twentieth year as pastor of Harvest Baptist Church. It was such a blessing to hear so many testimonies of lives touched over the years. I am thankful for a kind pastor who invests in the lives of the people of his church and has been an help to me and my family for so long as well.


I could use this entire letter to tell you how I was blown away by the care that was put into my ordination service. I was expecting something quick and formal, but it was one of the kindest and most heartfelt experiences of my life. I was truly humbled and loved by how meaningful it was. Doctor Robbie Morrison (Director of All Points) and his wife made a point to be there and he preached the Sunday morning service. Pastor Randy Mitchell, who pastors in North Carolina, was there as well with his wife, and he preached the main service. Pastor Mitchell was an assistant at my former church in Idaho for many years, in fact he was also my Jr High leader, College and Career leader, Bible Institute Administrator, and even performed the wedding ceremony for Melissa and I! I have so much respect for both of these men, and their sermons were both a charge to the home church holding the rope and to me and my family. My mom and her husband Hank flew in for the service, and she even helped coordinated a clandestine plan to sneak my oldest daughter Kiera in from Pensacola without me knowing it! Kiera drove 3 hours in the middle of the night with a rental car from Buffalo and I didn't know! Best surprise ever, what an wonderful time it was.


RV Repairs and Maintenance / Melissa's Upcoming Album / Looking Ahead


A quick summary of other things done: typical oil and filters changed on the RV and generator, propane leak fixed, furnace repaired, generator starter replaced, front end alignment, bearings repacked, and front brakes replaced. Melissa completed all the vocals with the kids on her future album called "You Arose / One More Time Around the Piano," while I was calling churches every day for meetings. Pastor McClain had me preach a couple times as well, it was a very busy month!

Looking ahead we have a pretty full schedule from now to the end of October with 37 meetings and more pending. Please pray for safe traveling, more churches to take us on in God's time, homeschooling, and for our visas to be approved in God's timeframe as well. Thank you all for everything you do and for your encouragement.

In Christ,
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