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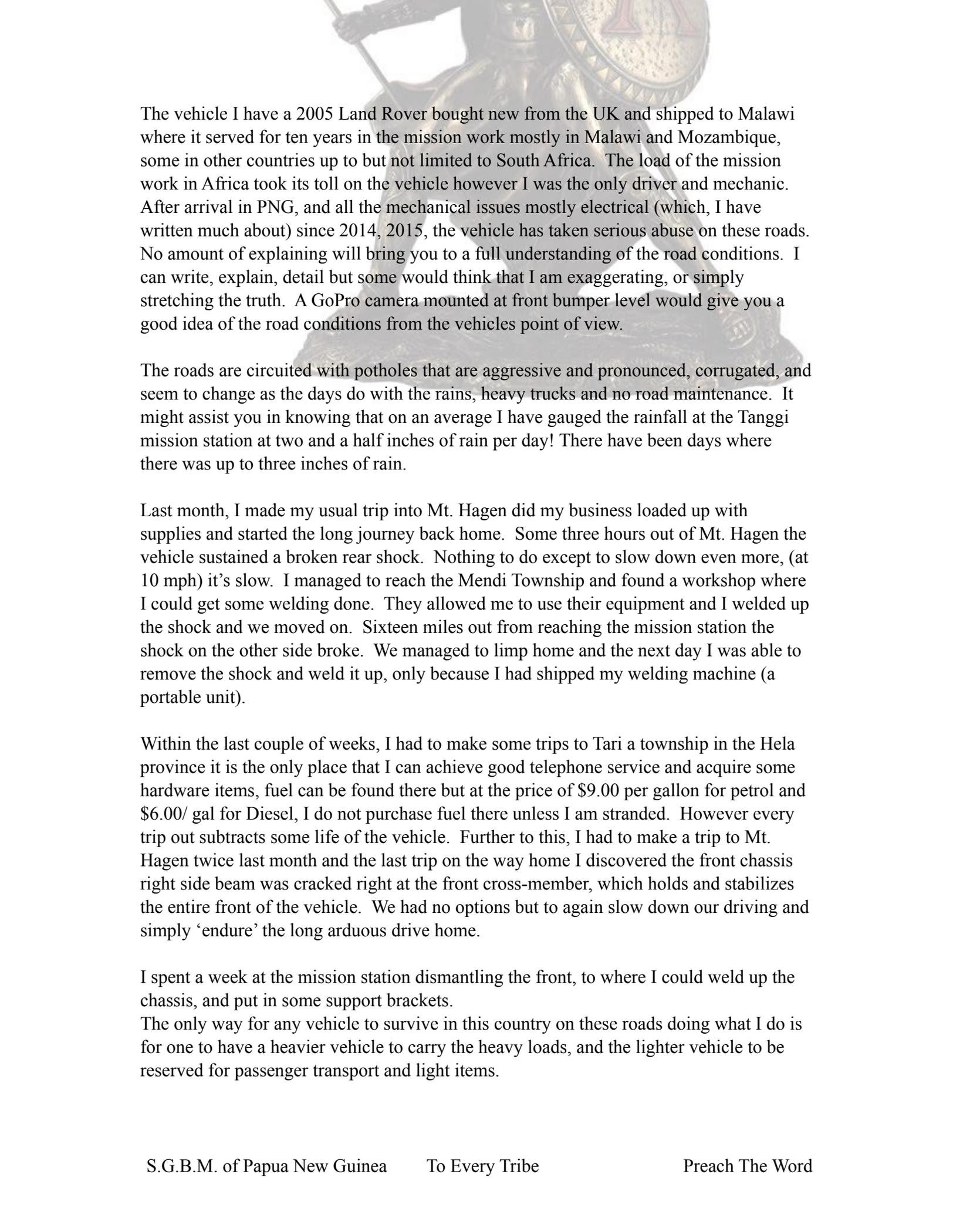
Dear Pastor, Church and All Supporters;

**Proverbs 29:25** The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

With the mission work here, the town that has most things which, I need and can find (relatively speaking) is in a town called Mt. Hagen, located in the Western Highlands Province. Our mission work is located in the Hela Province, and the Tanggi mission station is exactly 208 miles from Mt. Hagen town. I usually make this trip only once a month in order that I might do my monthly shopping and needs.

This trip takes on an average of eleven hours, and many times twelve. This does not account for many stops, rather timed breaks for relieving oneself. There are no rest areas, service stations, shops, fuel supply, and or workshops. What you pack and take with you is what you have. PNG is not a country for those who are physically, mentally or even spiritually weak. Every fiber of your being will be examined and tested. I am not saying that I am strong, nor spiritually mature either, but what I am saying is every day is a challenge and unless your faith in our LORD is on a different level then what the developed countries have to offer, it will not be long until you make a departure from this field.

The country is rough, the people hard, and life is difficult. The people of this country live from day to day, with very little their outlook on life is for the moment, not some hours from now, no planning for the next day or week, let alone long term planning.



The vehicle I have a 2005 Land Rover bought new from the UK and shipped to Malawi where it served for ten years in the mission work mostly in Malawi and Mozambique, some in other countries up to but not limited to South Africa. The load of the mission work in Africa took its toll on the vehicle however I was the only driver and mechanic. After arrival in PNG, and all the mechanical issues mostly electrical (which, I have written much about) since 2014, 2015, the vehicle has taken serious abuse on these roads. No amount of explaining will bring you to a full understanding of the road conditions. I can write, explain, detail but some would think that I am exaggerating, or simply stretching the truth. A GoPro camera mounted at front bumper level would give you a good idea of the road conditions from the vehicles point of view.

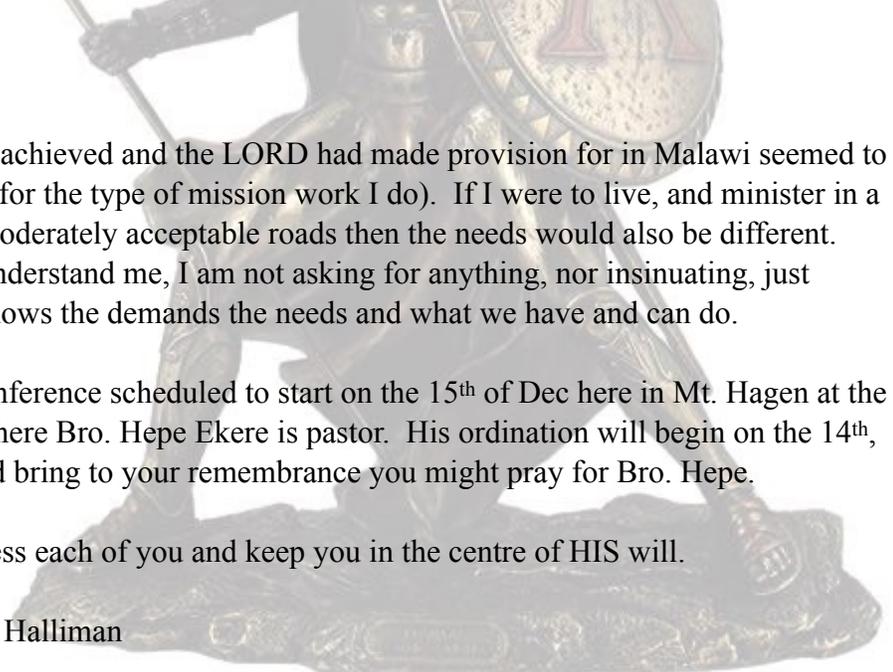
The roads are circuitous with potholes that are aggressive and pronounced, corrugated, and seem to change as the days do with the rains, heavy trucks and no road maintenance. It might assist you in knowing that on an average I have gauged the rainfall at the Tanggi mission station at two and a half inches of rain per day! There have been days where there was up to three inches of rain.

Last month, I made my usual trip into Mt. Hagen did my business loaded up with supplies and started the long journey back home. Some three hours out of Mt. Hagen the vehicle sustained a broken rear shock. Nothing to do except to slow down even more, (at 10 mph) it's slow. I managed to reach the Mendi Township and found a workshop where I could get some welding done. They allowed me to use their equipment and I welded up the shock and we moved on. Sixteen miles out from reaching the mission station the shock on the other side broke. We managed to limp home and the next day I was able to remove the shock and weld it up, only because I had shipped my welding machine (a portable unit).

Within the last couple of weeks, I had to make some trips to Tari a township in the Hela province it is the only place that I can achieve good telephone service and acquire some hardware items, fuel can be found there but at the price of \$9.00 per gallon for petrol and \$6.00/ gal for Diesel, I do not purchase fuel there unless I am stranded. However every trip out subtracts some life of the vehicle. Further to this, I had to make a trip to Mt. Hagen twice last month and the last trip on the way home I discovered the front chassis right side beam was cracked right at the front cross-member, which holds and stabilizes the entire front of the vehicle. We had no options but to again slow down our driving and simply 'endure' the long arduous drive home.

I spent a week at the mission station dismantling the front, to where I could weld up the chassis, and put in some support brackets.

The only way for any vehicle to survive in this country on these roads doing what I do is for one to have a heavier vehicle to carry the heavy loads, and the lighter vehicle to be reserved for passenger transport and light items.



The plan that I had achieved and the LORD had made provision for in Malawi seemed to be the key (at least for the type of mission work I do). If I were to live, and minister in a city and drive on moderately acceptable roads then the needs would also be different. Please do not misunderstand me, I am not asking for anything, nor insinuating, just reporting. GOD knows the demands the needs and what we have and can do.

There is a Bible conference scheduled to start on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Dec here in Mt. Hagen at the Kim Bap church where Bro. Hepe Ekere is pastor. His ordination will begin on the 14<sup>th</sup>, if the LORD should bring to your remembrance you might pray for Bro. Hepe.

May our LORD bless each of you and keep you in the centre of HIS will.

In His Name,

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