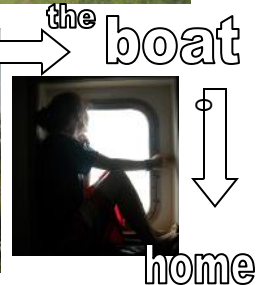
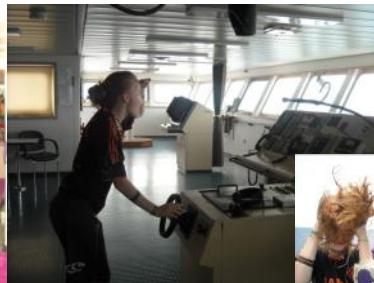
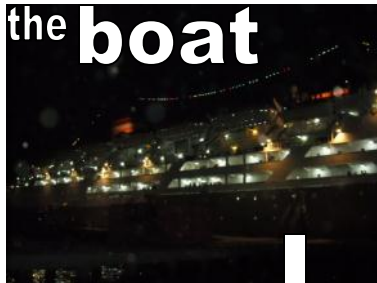




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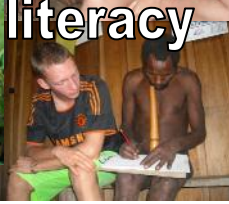
ELISA'S JOURNAL OF OUTDOOR EDUCATION 2011



OE (Outdoor Education) Every year our whole high school (about 80 people) packs their bags and travels to an interior village to do kids' clubs, dental and medical work, HIV/AIDS education, and work projects for two weeks. This year we travelled by a passenger ship (no luxury) for 32 hours to a city on the coast called Nabire, where MAF has a base of operations and two families, and then MAF flew us to one of the most remote villages in Papua, called Moi. There is no way we could have gotten into Moi without MAF. MAF has been serving the missionary families there and the people of Moi for 10 years now. It was my first time flying in the Kodiak and it was cool to see firsthand how God is working through MAF. We only got to spend four days in Moi, but the things God did in that short time were amazing! Sadly, we had to leave Moi, and we again returned to Nabire on the Kodiak. We spent five days in Nabire before stepping on to the passenger ship at 3:00 in the morning to return home.

This year I was in charge of our HIV/AIDS presentation, which is not a small undertaking. HIV/AIDS has become a huge growing problem in Papua. There is just no education on how you get it and how to treat those who have it with love instead of casting them out. We also mix God into our presentations and thankfully there were people with lots of questions.

gardening



literacy

MOI

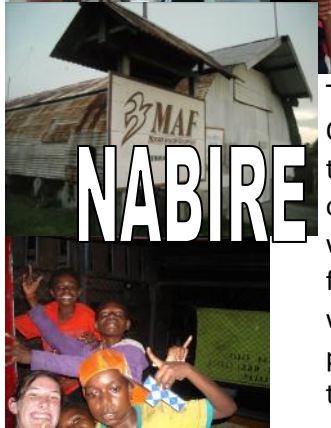
It really impacted me how the Moi people treasure the Bible and are turning from their ways to follow Christ. The first day we got there, the girls in my small group, sat and talked in a lady's hut. She was one of the strongest lady believers there, though she has gone through so many painful things. As we were sitting down she told us that she was praying for us. Then she went on to ask if we were on God's side or Satan's side. It was really powerful to me. We were able to hear how they were entangled with fear in their old beliefs and now that they are following God they are no longer afraid. Because they get married very young, the leaders of the church are 15 and 16 year-olds. Pray for the church leaders and the Moi people that they may continue to break free from bondage and follow after Christ. Oh, and we couldn't speak their language and they didn't know Indonesian, but somehow we were able to communicate.

kids club



Aids education

handing out Bibles



NABIRE

There are just so many amazing stories I could tell, but I can only choose one. One day we went to do a dental clinic. When we got there we met a lady with a large bone tumor on her cheek. There is nothing on this island anyone could do for her and she may only live 2 more years with it. I got to pray for her and later a national dental helper talked with her and she accepted Christ. Please continue to pray as we are trying to get her further help. Also since there were few dental patients but tons of kids just watching us, we did a kids club. We went to do dental, but God wanted us to do a kids club. Using puppets we asked who wanted to receive Christ in their heart and then prayed with them to receive Christ.

Returning home on the boat, we met a lady outside our large group room who had an 8 month-old baby. She explained to us how her baby, Kristin, had 5-7 seizures a day. Though she said she was a Christian, the baby had bracelets around her wrist to protect her from spirits. We explained how she had to trust in God alone, and Kristin's mother tore the bracelets off. We prayed over Kristin and let her and her mother into the room with us. The next morning Kristin had yet to have another seizure, but as the morning went on she showed signs that she was going to have one again. We all gathered around Kristin and prayed over her. The seizure was the smallest one she had ever had! Just last week the mother called us to tell us that Kristin hadn't had another seizure after we prayed over her. SHE WAS HEALED! God is great!

Kristin

