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Lesson from a Washing Machine By Christy Doyle

"You stink!" are words I have often said to Larry as he walked past me. He knew that I meant his clothes smelled badly. It's very hard to get clothes clean when washing them by hand, especially pants or other thick clothing. It would take me hours. I could scrub and scrub, and still I couldn't get them clean to my satisfaction.

That's how it went until recently. With the help of a nice tax return, we were able to purchase a washing machine. Our machine is a twin tub washer small enough to run on our 650w generator. Even though it's not automatic and won't do everything for me, it's been a tremendous help these past few weeks. It cuts down on the time it takes to do the laundry and gets it cleaner!

As I've been thinking about my new machine, I've thought of how it can relate to our spiritual lives. We, in our sinful state, are "dirty" and "stink." We can try to clean up our lives and do better, but if we try to do it ourselves it just won't work. We have to let Jesus, the Great Cleanser, wash us, and He can cleanse us from all unrighteousness and make us clean and whole. My machine can in no way compare to Jesus, but it does remind me to depend on His Righteousness and not my own.



Methods of laundry, old and new

Doyles' Bible Translation Ministry in Papua New Guinea

- *Larry, Christy, Lawrance, and Amaziah live in the village of Tung on Buka Island, working with the Solos people.*
- *Larry recently helped with a Writers' Workshop; one of the results was an alphabet book in the Solos language!*



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AROUND THE WORLD

GHANA

On May 7, Jere and Ruth Ann Gowin will board a plane in Accra for a one-way trip back to the United States. Their five years living and working in Ghana have reaped results for the Kingdom—new Christians meeting in five villages where there were no churches prior. Praise God for how He has blessed!

The Gowins are looking forward to being able to spend time with their children and five grandchildren, but they will be leaving a piece of their hearts in northwest Ghana.

Please pray for Jere and Ruth Ann as they adjust back to American culture and seek a new avenue of ministry. Pray also for Pastor Sammy, his wife Grace, and their two children. Pastor Sammy will be directing the work in Ghana.

GENERAL CAMP

As the 2013 General Camp quickly approaches, we are looking forward to a blessed time together.

One of the evangelists on this year's schedule is Bro. Philip Gumbs. He pastors our church in Anguilla and serves as Overseer of the Eastern Caribbean Council. Pray for him and Richard Gremillion as they bring messages from the Word.

The World Missions service will be on Friday afternoon, May 31. You won't want to miss greetings from recently returned missionaries Jere and Ruth Ann Gowin, as well as video greetings from the Doyles in Papua New Guinea and workers in Asia.

If you cannot attend the Camp services in person, be sure to check out www.generalcamp.com, May 28-June 2 or after, where you can attend by way of the web.