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THE *Florences*

MISSIONARIES SERVING IN WESTERN
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Rest for the Weary *"I will lay me down in peace, and sleep..."*
Ps 4:8

We arrived back in the US on July the 10th. God is good and allowed us not to miss any flights even though our last flight from Dallas to Pensacola was delayed for about 6 hours. The first month my wife worked diligently getting all of us scheduled for our doctor and dental appointments. This is one of those tricky things that missionaries have to go through because it is hard to keep a primary care physician when you're overseas most of the time.

Rebecca has been struggling with regulating her blood pressure over this last term and she has had several appointments with doctor's regarding that situation. She now has some medicine to help regulate her blood pressure. I was able to see a doctor specializing in sports injuries about my knee and he recommended I get an MRI on my left knee. I'm still waiting to hear back from the results of that. The children were able to get their checkups done and their teeth worked on as well. All we have left is to see the optometrist for our eyeglasses and some blood checks for Josiah. About 2 weeks ago Abigail was quite sick and in the bed for 5 days straight. Now just this week myself and all of the children are having similar symptoms. We appreciate your continued prayers as we try to get the medical care that we need before we begin our intensive travels

We have taken this time to focus on our spiritual refreshment as well. We enjoyed attending every service and have been refreshed by the preaching of our pastoral staff at Charity Baptist Church. I've been reading several devotional books as well as enjoying the book of Matthew during this month. I've come to realize that when I'm under the strain of preparing several messages a week and teaching in the Bible institute my devotional time can become absorbed into my sermon preparation time. When this happens for a prolonged period it drains my spiritual strength and robs me of the joy of the ministry. I'm analyzing my daily schedule and asking the Lord to show me how to create a schedule that will help me to enjoy the journey well as fulfill our calling in PNG.

As we get ready to begin our travels we are excited to report on all that God has accomplished in this last term. We've seen many answers to prayer and goals completed. The church plants are going strong, the Bible Institute is continuing to train young men, our fledgling Christian School is growing, and those that are now leading the ministries are learning to take responsibility and increase their dependence on the Lord. In regards to our staff on the field I would like to request prayer for them by name:

Romans Dusu & family - Deacon at Berean IBC, Western Baptist Bible School (WBBS) Student Affairs Coordinator
Wamida Maidere -Assistant Pastor at Berean IBC and WBBS Teacher (married to Mrs. Melissa Maidere - K5 teacher)
Billy Sabayim & family - Construction Foreman
Wagiba Romans - Assistant Construction Foreman and Bus Driver
Junior Wagi - Construction worker and small engines operator.
Lucy Saisagu - BCIA - Bookkeeper and Office Manager/ Bursar
Phoebe Ponjel - 2nd Grade Teacher; Melissa Grari - K4 Teacher
Naomi Tapineng - 1st Grade Teacher; Epscy Ben - Preacher at Gospel IBC (plant)
Charlie Paul - Preacher at Aetho IBC (plant)
(Elaijah, Caspa, Max, Sauda - preachers finishing their 3rd and last year in the Bible Institute. Please pray they would stay faithful to their calling and start churches one day.)

I do ask that you would pray for them by name whenever God lays it on your heart. Many of these dear folks have been working alongside us for 5 to 10 years. God is using them just as He is using us and we pray that we can continue to partner together with them and with you for the sake of the gospel and the glory of God!

Your fellow servant in
Christ,
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