



To Every Tribe

Jesus is worth it

January 28, 2010

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We hope this update finds you all well. We are doing great! We're settled back in Texas after eight weeks in New England and a few weeks of travel in this part of the country. Our "holiday" time with family and friends was wonderful. We trust you also had a blessed holiday season.

We wish to thank those of you who have supported us recently with your prayers, your finances, and the warmth of your homes. We appreciate your love for us very much. You may be glad to hear that two other churches just began to support our ministry. We praise the Lord for His provision, and hope that you will praise Him with us. Hudson Taylor, the faithful missionary to China, said, "God's work, done God's way, never lacks God's provision." We have most definitely found this to be true!

We wish to update you all about some new developments. Many of you already know about our plans to move to San Antonio, Texas (4 1/2 hours north of our current home). After much prayer and godly counsel, we have decided to join a small, powerful church there called Grace Community Church. The Lord has led us to this Spirit-filled body of believers who have been very helpful to us. The leadership has much experience in missions. We plan to make this our new home church. Lord willing, we will be an extension of this church body as we "go into all the world to preach the gospel."

I have been advised by experienced missionaries in Indonesia, by the leaders of *To Every Tribe*, (our mission agency) and by the leaders of the church we are joining, that medical training will be extremely useful on the field. Consequently, I plan to try to train as a nurse, probably at a local college in San Antonio. I don't know at this time exactly what kind of medical training would be most useful to me and others on the field; maybe some medical people among you can advise me. :) I also plan to work part-time to help pay for this training. Benevolence and gospel preaching easily go hand-in-hand and we see this in Christ's ministry and Paul's. I saw how my dental skills were useful in Mexico and I saw that medical skills are needed even more in New Guinea. In the remote swamps or jungles of New Guinea there will be no access to health care for our missionary team or for the nationals, so God could really bless this kind of skill for His glory. Whether I receive formal training or not, I will be looked at as the "doctor" to a tribe, since my very basic knowledge of what causes diseases and how to treat an injury is often far more than a national would have at this time. **Please pray for 1) God's guidance in choosing the right nursing program, 2) a job for me, and 3) a place to live in San Antonio and the general transition there. 4) Pray that God is already preparing a people for us to share the message of salvation with, both here and abroad.**

Our aim is to go to Papua New Guinea or Indonesia (both countries occupy the island of New Guinea). A work is in progress in Indonesia in the most primitive tribe known to man at this time, (according to *National Geographic*) and we recently met the missionaries who are heading this work up. We are invited to pray about joining this work once we're fully trained and supported. Our future home church is already invested in this region, and they would like to see us helping there, as well. We're excited about the possibility! Our desire is to get to the field now, but the Lord's plan is always best and we're thankful for the training and for an opportunity to join in the evangelistic work of Grace Community Church until we move over seas. That's the news! Please share your news with us!

God bless you and keep you!

In Christ,
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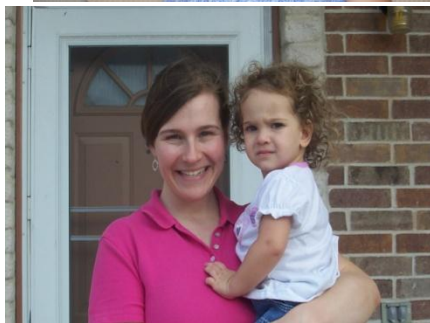
Check out this new To Every Tribe site!

P.S. I have a meeting set up with some Mormon men on Fri. Jan. 29th to talk, with the goal of sharing the true gospel of Jesus Christ with them. Please pray for them and others that I'm working with in this area. I highly recommend *The Encyclopedia of Cults and New Religions* by Ankerberg and Weldon as resource to aid in the preaching the gospel to non-Christian groups like the Mormons.

Seth is 2 months old now!

Tabitha recently turned 2!

Julia recently turned 4!



Jacy just turned 7!

Leanne, the busy mom and wife.

Matt is also enjoying family and ministry.