

# To Every Tribe Ministries **Wilkinson Update**

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Hello everyone! We hope this note finds you all doing very well. We're so sorry that we've taken so long to update you! Our lives have been a bit of a whirlwind these days, but we have good news to share with you. We have the internet now and a new home phone (210-924-2993).

In our last update we were pleased to share with you that we were accepted as the CARES Team at a low-income apartment complex in San Antonio. We are rejoicing in the fact that we are now living in our new apartment. God really blessed us on the day of the move by moving a few big obstacles that were standing in our way, but that's another story! We moved in on April 2<sup>nd</sup> with the help of our friends, Gabriel, Lexye, and Cage. We're living on the third floor in the center of the community, which is a good location for us considering the kind of work we'll be doing. Our apartment community is located on the south west side of San Antonio. The south west side is not the best part of the city, but it's not the worst, either. We're happy to be living in a beautiful section eight and low income housing complex with 252 apartments, and we're very thankful that the management has given us this apartment for free in exchange for our services here. We are presently responsible for welcoming new residents, (there were 22 this month, if that puts things into perspective) retaining present residents, hosting events that draw the apartment community together, and offering whatever general support we can to the people here. From the perspective of the Cares Team people, our chief objective is to share the gospel, and we've been doing that as the Lord opens doors. For those of you who wondered how Matt would handle friendship evangelism after all his years as a more aggressive evangelist, I can sum it all up by telling you that on our second day here he was street preaching at the Alamo. ☺

This may sound like a simple, fun job and it has been for the most part, but it is very time consuming and we have no budget to work with, so we are relying on the donations of local businesses. We're praying for financial relief, and trust that it will come soon. So far our work here has been very encouraging. Our brethren will understand what we mean when we say that the harvest here is ripe. The Lord has given us favor here. The residents seem to love us and our children, and the management appreciates us, as well. We were blessed when on our very first

welcome visit a man asked to come to church with us and a woman (the actual tenant) decided to consider renewing her lease after we offered to try and get her a first floor apartment (she's miserable on the third floor). If she actually stays in this community because of our work, we will have saved the management thousands of dollars. You can appreciate why we're encouraged. One down, several to go!

In general, we are very happy here and are delighted to be serving the Lord as evangelists in this community while we wait to be sent as missionaries. **The projected departure time for New Guinea is the summer of 2012.** We don't have much for specifics yet, but we'll keep you posted as new details come in. We are still building relationships with potential teammates, which would include, but is not limited to Karen Gering, Kelly Bryant, and Gabriel Taylor, who will all be students with *To Every Tribe* in September. Please pray for us as both this team and this vision begin to form.

Matt is still pursuing medical training to use on the field. He has been accepted into the EMT program at San Antonio College and will begin his studies on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will begin paramedic training in the fall, and we're hoping he'll have time to work as an EMT during that training so that he can get some experience under his belt. We'll see what the Lord does!

Speaking of the Lord, we absolutely love the church we're presently attending. Grace Community Church is one of the most well-functioning, Biblical churches we've ever been privileged to be a part of. You can visit their website at [www.gccsatx.com](http://www.gccsatx.com). They also have more resources, including visual Bible studies, sermon clips and more at: [www.illbehonest.com](http://www.illbehonest.com). Our whole family is thriving there. We will soon be sharing our testimonies there with the hope that they will welcome us as members of the church. Once we are members, the elders at GCC can then begin the process of confirming our call to foreign missions and will possibly send us. We're very much hoping that they will send us. We have seen the care with which they have come behind their present missionaries and are very encouraged by it. Again, we're waiting on the Lord to see how He works this out.

So I guess that's about all. We hope our news will bless you, even as experiencing all of this has blessed us. We hope to hear from you when you receive this. We miss hearing from y'all! Lord bless you until next time!

In Christ,

Leanne for the Wilkinsons (Latest picture and updated contact information included below).



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