

Please forgive us if you are either receiving this update more than once or do NOT want to receive it at all. My computer died a week before we left Papua New Guinea (June 6th) and I have had to completely rebuild our prayer letter subset address list from our full address list and it has been exceedingly time consuming, and frankly, I can't remember who all was receiving (or wishing they weren't receiving) our previous prayer letter updates. If you would rather not receive future updates, please email me, and I will remove your name from our list. If you know someone who would like to be receiving it and is not, please have them email me, and I will add them to the list. If you receive duplicates of our email updates, please let me know so I can find how you are listed in the system multiple times and eliminate all but one. Thanks for your kind understanding.

October 13, 2020

Dear Friends and Family,

This update is long overdue. LOTS of things have happened since our last prayer letter update. God is so good and faithful! And we'd like to share how He's been providing.

After a whole lot of uncertainty, thankfully we were able to secure waivers from the Australian government to avoid doing a 14-day quarantine in Brisbane. We were just quarantined overnight and were able to continue our journey the next morning on to the States. We arrived in the US the first week of June and did our quarantine at the home of some friends whose house is out in the country with lots of woods and horses and fun stuff – it was definitely NOT a hardship, and we're so thankful for the Lord's provision through these friends during this transition time.

We are currently in Northern KY, where we have been able to spend a good deal of time with Larissa, Charles and their 4 boys. They are selling their house and hoping to move soon to begin working at Oakdale Christian Academy (<https://oakdalechristian.org/>).

In July, we were able to help Megan, Ilir, Isaiah and Analia move to Arlington Heights, IL, where they are now located for Ilir's 2-year training program, Unlocking the Bible (<https://unlockingthebible.org/>).

A supporting church here in northern KY, Grace Fellowship Church, has provided an apartment for us to stay in while we're in the States. It has been just what we needed in so many ways for where we are in life right now, and we're so thankful for their generosity and care for us. Which brings me to the next 'event'... 😊

My (Kim) left knee has been a problem for a long time now and continued to give me 'issues' through July (bone on bone since 1980). And since it appeared that it would be many months before we could return to Papua New Guinea (PNG), I saw an orthopedic surgeon in August. He scheduled me for his next available surgery opening on September 11, to do a complete knee replacement. The surgery went well and I've been doing 'formal' Physical Therapy twice a week and PT at home all the other days. I had hoped recovery would go quicker than it has, but I am seeing incremental improvements every day. I drove for the first time on Tuesday when I

transported myself to my PT session. 😊 I was worn out after returning home, but it was good to be able to drive again. Previously, we had several other friends who graciously volunteered to take me to/from these session over the prior 3 weeks, for which we are so thankful.

- All that to say, Wycliffe has placed us both on Medical Leave until the first week of December 2020. I am not to be doing any “work” at all during this time except for “Partnership Development,” which means we can still meet with friends and talk about our ministry 😊 and our partnership needs. As it turns out we have been significantly under budget in August and now September. Please pray that the Lord would provide. Wycliffe requires that we be at 100% support before we can be released to return to PNG.

So, as long as solid progress continues, our plans over the next 3 months are as follows:

- Trip to IL again to see Megan and family to be there to celebrate Isaiah’s birthday
- Trip to Grand Rapids, MI to see Rachel and her new husband, David, and Dann and our other two granddaughters, Hope and Winter. Then to see Kim’s sister Ellaine in Detroit
- Down to Virginia to our home church, Peninsula Community Chapel in Yorktown to report there as well as visit sister churches, Virginia Beach Community Chapel and Centerpoint Community Church
- While in VA we will take a side trip to FL to see Annie’s Mom and a sister there in Santa Rosa Beach and then on to New Orleans to spend Thanksgiving with her other two sisters and families
- Mid-December, we’ll return to KY for Christmas and packing up to return to PNG
- Sometime in January 2021, we hope to return to PNG and then on to Malasiga village and our Tami friends there

So, LOTS of travel in the near future. Please pray for:

- Continued healing, full recovery of strength, and range of motion for Kim’s left knee
- Health and safety, as we put lots of miles on our car and bodies
- Special and meaningful times with our kids, grandkids, and family
- The Lord’s provision for our current deficit
- Wisdom as we uncover possible routes and dates for returning to PNG
- The Lord to continue to draw Tami men & women to Himself through His Word
- Encouragement for Pastor Ongengsa, Katepu, Tangalau, Amoi, and Gwanic, as they wait for us to return

Please note our US phone #s: Kim: (859) 910-7603, Annie: (859) 910-7604. We’d love to hear from you! 😊

Thanks for your continued love and encouragement and partnership with us in this work. We could not do it without you.

Love to all,

Kim and Annie

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