

Spring UPDATE — May 2020

Dear Friends and Family,

Psalm 103:19 “The LORD has established His throne in the Heavens. His sovereignty rules over all.”

I (Annie) have been greatly encouraged and comforted to meditate much on the WOW truth that God is KING over all things! He is perfectly powerful to accomplish all His will. And while doing that, He is perfectly loving and kind to care for His children in ways that are always for our good and for His glory. Oh, the wonder of belonging to such a good, good Father!

We have been here at Ukarumpa, our Mission Center, practicing self and social isolation protocols with our all of our SIL co-workers since March 23. We are working at home, mostly trying to finish up the data entry of the Tami rough drafts of the rest of the New Testament books, as well as the Psalms. The weeks have been long, as I know all of you can relate to fully! We are disappointed to not be able to be in the village with our Tami friends and family like we normally are during February-May. Phone calls with them suggest that they are doing well, with actually very little disruption to ‘normal’ life on the village level, even though a State of Emergency is still in effect on a national level. As to date, there have been only 8 confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus in country. May God have mercy and keep it that way!

Soke and Simeon, two Tami men from the island villages, came up to Ukarumpa for the month of February to do the consultant checking with us of 1 Peter, 1 John, James, Colossians and Philippians. We greatly appreciated the hard work they did. What an opportunity to spend hours each day discussing and pondering God’s Word together! Conversations about the meaning of “grace” and how to best communicate that in the Tami language were especially meaningful.

Early in the year, we planned a short trip home over June and July for family needs and overdue health check ups. We were greatly looking forward to seeing our kids, grandkids (We haven’t met Ezra yet, who just celebrated his first birthday!), siblings, Annie’s mom, and hopefully many of you as well! When COVID happened, we assumed we would not be able to make that trip. We believe that remaining here has been the right decision during the past few months when other opportunities to leave PNG were offered, however it seems like perhaps now is the right time to proceed with plans to come home for a bit. So, we recently made the decision to attempt to travel back to the states in early June on a repatriation flight available with Virgin Australia Airlines. We are aware that there are MANY potential circumstances that might still prevent the trip from actually happening! Will you please be praying with us over the next few weeks that all visa and travel permission paperwork will be completed and approved, and God will be at work in all the details necessary for us actually to make this trip!



Also, please continue to pray with us for the Tami people: That they will stay safe and healthy through this difficult time, and that their hearts will be drawn to the Lord Jesus and the truths

of his Word as they process all that is going on in the world right now. They often have unclear or false information that can easily lead them astray. We appreciate your prayers for us as well- for health, wisdom, endurance, and joy in the Lord that sustains us for all He calls us to do!

Thank you for your continued partnership with us in prayer and finances. May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness to Him, to us, and to the Tami people. We love you guys.

Kim and Annie

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*Till the Dawn triumphs over the Night
Walk in faith as you fight the good fight.*

*His armor on you now heavenly might
Conscience clear as you walk in the light*

*Be an example of those who believe
Don't cause the Spirit within you to grieve*

*Till the Dawn triumphs over the Night
Walk in faith as you fight the good fight.*

*Stand firm, take pains, be absorbed in these things
Cast off sin that so eagerly clings
Flee from all lust and deceit - walk anew
Godliness, righteousness, these things pursue*

*Till the Dawn triumphs over the Night
Walk in faith as you fight the good fight.*

*Don't give the Evil One room on your path
His shadow brings darkness deceptively fast
In discipline, prayer, and love persevere
Obeying the Word - keep His promises clear.*

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Walk in faith as you fight the good fight.*

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