

Fall/Winter UPDATE — December 2019

Dear Friends and Family

We are so grateful to Grace Fellowship Church in Kentucky for sending a team of 6 in October to visit us! They loved and served us and our Tami community well! They taught a daily Bible study targeting the youth, which covered topics such as unity, humility, confession, and purity. Here are a few responses from the study that Tami friends shared with us: Somai said that words shared during small group time after each study helped him so much, and had been like “cold water that went into his bones and his veins and traveled throughout his whole body”. (i.e. to refresh and nourish him!) Matias came to me crying with sorrow after saying goodbye to his new friends. He said, “*ηan katemôc ka*”, which means “something to break our hearts”. Masina said that when she heard that some Americans were coming to do a Bible study she thought to herself, “I am a pastor’s wife. I have been a Christian for a long time. I teach women myself. I don’t need to go and be taught by these people.” Her heart was full of pride. But, she came to the studies anyway, and confessed to us, “This week I have been convicted by the Holy Spirit that even though I have been a Christian for many years, I still have sinful habits that need to change! This Bible study has helped me so much to see that!” Donga shared how she has hated the woman with whom her husband had an affair. But now she is seeing God help her learn to forgive. God’s Word is powerful and is at work changing many lives! Please continue praying that the seeds of God’s Truth that were planted in Tami hearts will bear much fruit. Pray Mark 4:1-20, the parable of the sower.

Within days of the departure of the Kentucky team, Kim had a dream that a death adder was roaming around our house. As our family sat at the table, we had to keep our feet lifted up off the floor so we would not be bitten. This dream is a sobering picture of the spiritual attack we have been under over the past several months. This is spiritual warfare like we have never encountered before! Fear, anger, discouragement, marital disharmony, and nighttime demonic attacks are some of the fiery darts the enemy has been throwing at us. War tends to make you weary and leave you wounded, and it has been an extremely difficult time. However, it has also been an intensely sweet time of fellowship with Jesus, the kind that often only comes when we walk with Him through life’s deepest trials. Victory in Jesus has been powerful and wonderful! And it should be no surprise that He has used His living and life-changing WORD to do much of the work of encouragement and mind-changing and heart-healing in us. We are even more committed to press on to finish the task and get this great gift into the hands of our Tami friends! [*see the lyrics below from a song Kim wrote*] We would appreciate your prayers for us as we continue to work through some of the issues that have come up during all this. May we keep growing to become more gracious, forgiving and merciful people like our Heavenly

Father. "Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be dismayed. Therefore, I have set my face like stone, determined to do His will. And I know that I will triumph." Isaiah 50:7

PRAYER NEEDS:

Consultant checking in new year We are back at Ukarumpa for the next few months now, preparing to do the consultant checking of Philippians, Colossians, Titus, James, 1 Peter and 1 John in February. This is the checking that was cancelled in July due to our trip to Australia. Two Tami men from one of the island villages are planning to come up to Ukarumpa to do this checking with us. There are still many details to work out so please pray for the Lord's oversight of this effort!

Health issues Two of our Tami co-translators are struggling with health concerns. Amoi has Parkinson's disease. She is getting weaker and having more difficulty walking, writing, and thinking clearly at times. She faithfully continues to work with us, though. Katepu has recently been diagnosed with diabetes. He is still trying to get settled with the right medication. He has a huge sore on his leg that is not healing well and is a concern to the doctors. Please pray for these dear friends and faithful partners in the translation work.

Kim's neck Thanks for continued prayers for Kim's neck pain. The changes he has made have been a huge help and he is encouraged with his progress. These changes include a new ergonomic office chair and pillow, raising his laptop screen to eye level, neck traction sessions, and daily neck stretching exercises.

Remembering last Christmas with our grandkids!

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas season as you celebrate Immanuel's coming! Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! And He shall reign forever and ever! King of king and Lord of Lords! Hallelujah!! He came first as a baby, the spotless Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. He will come AGAIN as a lion, to judge and redeem and reign! Let us live in such a way that will bring Him glory, make His heart glad, and draw others to His life and light "while we wait for the blessed Hope, the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13)

Much love to you all,

Annie and Kim

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

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.

Till the Dawn triumphs over the Night
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