

The Colich Chronicles



Winter UPDATE — 2018/19

Dear Friends and Family

“When morning gilds the sky, my heart awakening cries, “May Jesus Christ be praised!”

Currently Annie is reading a book called “Choosing Gratitude”. It’s an area we desire to grow in –learning to GIVE THANKS in everything, for this IS God’s will for us! So... here are some things we are so very grateful for and ask you to join us in singing to the Lover of our souls – “May Jesus Christ be praised!”

FURLOUGH HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1) We were blessed with many opportunities to make lovely, fun memories with our family members while on furlough! Here are some glimpses:



Isaiah, Annie, Kim, Analia, Megan & Ilir



Annie, Elijah, Kim, Josiah, Charles, Micah & Larissa



Kim & Rachel



Winter, Dann & Hope

2) Sharing with partners/partnering churches

We had wonderful times of visiting partnering churches and friends, and sharing with our 'team' what God has been doing in the Tami community. It was so encouraging to rejoice together over the completion of the Tami New Testament first draft with many who have prayed and given for 20 years or more to partner with us in our work among the Tami in Papua New Guinea (PNG). God is faithful! We are thankful!

3) Clearance from health issues

While in the states we were able to have numerous health issues checked out and treated. Kim ended up having several outpatient surgeries for skin cancers. A "wake up call" to be more diligent with sun screen and hats in these coming years here under the tropical sun! We are so thankful for good reports and clearance to return to PNG.

TRAVELS AND RETURN TO PNG

We enjoyed (and sometimes endured ☺) many, many miles of safe travel across the world as we left PNG in June 2018 and returned mid-January 2019. We are thankful for safety, no lost luggage, and flights with empty seats that allowed for actually stretching out and getting a bit of rest!

Our return to PNG had a rather rough beginning, as we arrived at our house in Ukarumpa to discover we'd had quite an extensive theft during our absence. We lost Annie's work computer, our printer, several village computers, a large computer monitor, external back up hard drives, and a myriad of other electronic equipment from Kim's locked office. We are still discovering missing items almost daily. The circumstances are very mysterious and disturbing, as there were no 'break and enter' signs. We are thankful that Kim's guitar was NOT taken, as well as many other valuable items they COULD have taken!

The time and energy it is taking to try and replace necessary equipment as well as get things up and running again has sent us into 'Plan B' for the next month or so. Kim had hoped to get out to the village and begin some language checking right away. That is postponed for now, but we still hope that he can have 3-4 weeks out before needing to return to Ukarumpa for our Branch Conference mid-March. We are thankful that God is sovereign and good, and that this is not Plan B on HIS agenda!

GOALS FOR THIS TERM



We are asking God to allow us to FINISH the checking of the Tami New Testament draft in the next 2 ½ years and have it ready to publish before our next (last?) furlough in June 2021. This feels impossible in the flesh... but, we serve the God of the impossible, don't we?! Please pray with us toward this goal. Continue to ask the Lord to protect us from the attempts of our enemy to hinder the completion of this translation work! We are so thankful that 'greater is HE who is in us, than he who is in the world'!

CURRENT PRAYER NEEDS:

- Peaceful hearts in the aftermath of the theft. Also, please pray that there will be no problems with the insurance claim! We thank God for help from some of you already, enabling us to begin replacing some of the stolen items.
- Wisdom for the timing of Kim's trip to the village in the next month. He needs to first find a ride down to the coast, then a boat to Malasiga. Please pray for safety as he travels. The roads are in disasterous condition due to heavy rains recently.
- Readiness and faithfulness of our Tami co-workers, to get back to work and do what it takes to get it finished!
- Annie is still waiting on direction from the Lord as to what to prepare for the next women's Bible study with the Tami ladies.

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying and giving. We love you. 😊

Kim & Annie

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