

March 6, 2012 – The Colich Chronicles: A long overdue update; Health Leave

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Dear Friends and Family,

As many of you are now aware, Annie and I have been placed on Health Leave with Wycliffe. We are both in the recuperation phase and are devoting our efforts to getting healthy enough and strong enough to return to our Translation/Literacy work among the Tami – hopefully by the end of this year.

Annie has recently had a follow-up exam by the Gynecological Oncologist who did her surgery and had a good report. He will see her again in April and then again in July. She also recently had another MRI of the left kidney and this also was a good report – no change to the shape or size of the lesion. He will see her again and do another scan in July. She continues to not experience any symptoms from either of these issues.

Kim is continuing Physical Therapy at the hospital twice a week on his left shoulder. He just passed the seven week mark and has regained a good amount of the range of motion and we trust the strength will return in time (with much work). He saw the orthopedic surgeon last week and got the results of the MRI of his right shoulder. Like the left one, the right rotator-cuff will require surgery to repair the damage. Surgery on the right shoulder will probably be mid to late May. But on the bright side, he'll then have a matching set of stainless steel screws to set off airport scanners... ☺

We both have been working out at a gym 3 times a week trying to strengthen our bodies and get prepared again for the rigors of village life. Neither of us has been sleeping well of late. The muscle spasms that plagued Kim's left shoulder prior to surgery have become a nuisance now with his right – but only when he's laying down. He spends a good bit of time in the recliner trying to get some sleep.

Well to be sure we are enjoying time with our kids and grandkids (and many other friends too)! But we desire to get back to our Tami friends to finish the work that God has given us to do: to provide God's Word for the Tami in the language they can best understand, their own Mother Tongue. "That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me." (Colossians 1:28)

Last weekend we had the opportunity to join with a fellow Wycliffe colleague and do a monolingual demonstration for a group of folks at a local church. The colleague spoke to Kim in a Brazilian indigenous indian language and Kim responded in Tami. The point was to demonstrate how an unknown language is learned using objects and gesturing to evoke streams of speech. It was a fun reminder of how much we love what God called us to do. What a privilege it is to give the gift of God's Word to a people who so desperately need it.

Thank you so much for continuing to support us with your friendship, finances and prayers through this time of recovery. We are deeply indebted to you for your faithfulness, and we praise God for your continued commitment to us and to the Tami people. We couldn't do this without you. Thanks!

We love you and appreciate you,

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