

October 22, 2012 – The Colich Chronicles: forgiveness and finances

# The Colich Chronicles

Fall 2012

Dear Friends and Family,

Here is what we need to cover in this update:

- ☼ A request for your forgiveness
- ☼ Our hope to return to Papua New Guinea in February 2013
- ☼ An update on our health: Physical and Financial

Please forgive us for not adequately telling you the story of what God has been doing among the Tami and for Annie and me. “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7b), and surely part of that “cheer” comes from hearing from us how God is answering your prayers and multiplying your investment. In this I (Kim) have failed you miserably and humbly ask for your forgiveness. We commit ourselves to remedying this lack of communication. We are in the process of getting a website up and running that will be a repository for regular monthly communication. In addition we will soon (finally!) be joining the other 1 billion people already on Facebook. This also will be regularly updated. We commit ourselves to keeping you informed on a monthly basis going forward. Thanks for your forgiving heart.

**Psalm 65 (NLT)** What mighty praise, O God, belongs to you...What joy for those you choose to bring near...You are the hope of everyone on earth, even those who sail on distant seas...Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of your wonders.

We were recently able to connect “at the ends of the earth” with two of our Tami co-workers in Malasiga by cell phone. I was imagining the palm trees swaying in the breeze as I heard their familiar voices. Although very few people in the Tami community actually have cell phones yet, a cell tower was put up a few years ago right in the next village over! We talked with Katepu and with Yaking, who is the “chairman” of our translation committee. He assured us that our co-workers are looking forward to our return and are ready to get back to work! And this is what is on our hearts: getting back to work teaching literacy and checking the New Testament so that Yaking has God’s Word in his Mother Tongue to speak to his people the great truths of God’s love for the Tami. We are now working towards being able to return to Papua New Guinea by Valentine’s Day February 14. We love the Tami people and so much want to give them the love gift of God’s Word.

It is a joy to be spending the month of October here at our home church (Peninsula Community Chapel) in Virginia. We have just finished Missions Week, where the theme was “Translating the Gospel to be Understood by the Heart”. It was such an encouragement for us to be able to share the burden

God has given us to translate His word for the Tami people. God speaks Tami! We want our Tami friends to hear His voice in a language that their hearts can understand! I (Annie) am currently participating in a women's Bible study on the book of James. I was recently so struck by a verse (1:21) that exhorts us to receive with humility the "implanted Word" which is able to save our souls. God plants His powerful words of life in our very hearts and executes daily rescue missions to preserve our lives! Can you think of a greater gift to give others? How our hearts long for the day that we can give this treasure to the Tami people! God's Glory will be multiplied as Tami join with other tribes and tongues and languages and nations worshipping God in the languages He gave them. We look forward to that Day.

We are very thankful for continued good reports and progress concerning our health issues this year. Annie has just passed her one year anniversary after the cancer surgery and has been cancer-free! I (Kim) had my right rotator cuff repaired and tendon reattached Friday, July 6. This was exactly 6 months after I had the left one repaired. So far this has not been as painful as the first surgery, for which I'm grateful. I am now finished with 'formal' Physical Therapy but continue daily exercises with both shoulders. Regarding return of range of motion and strength I'm about 90% and 70% with my left shoulder and about 70% and 40% with my right. I am hopeful to have a full recovery in both shoulders and, Lord willing, be ready to go in February. I see the surgeon for my final review in mid-November and we anticipate his report will also be very good. Based on that and Annie's good report we fully expect Wycliffe will remove both of us from Health Leave – that hurdle will no longer exist. What remains a hurdle, however, is our monthly support.

Our monthly support has been extremely low for most of this year while we have been on health leave. Wycliffe will not release us to leave until we are at 100% of our support quota (for September we received only 41%). We will have more details about this need as our plans move ahead. We so greatly appreciate all of you who have stuck with us through these past several years of unexpected 'turns in the road'. We know that, although they have caught us by surprise and caused a bit of confusion, they did NOT come as a surprise to our Heavenly Father. As a matter of fact, they were even His "Plan A"! We desire to press on to be faithful to the task God has given us. Let's keep on pressing on – together – and GET IT DONE! As mid-February is the tentative target for departure, would you please be praying with us for God's clear direction and abundant provision?

Please pray for:

- Continued progress on the healing of the both rotator cuffs
- Financial partners who will commit to monthly support
- Steadfastness for our co-workers as they await our return
- Growth and change for both of us as we seek to stand firm in His grace

May you as well stand firm in the grace that He has poured out on your life.

Resting in His everlasting arms,

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