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## Reflection, Prayer, and Planning

*by Michael*

A few months ago, we finished our 10<sup>th</sup> year of full-time Christian missionary service. It is as good of a time as any to pause, pray, reflect on what the Lord has done in our lives, and seek His guidance for our future. We thank God for:

- ☞ **Fruitfulness** for the Kingdom of God
- ☞ Over a decade of **God's provision**
- ☞ Adding **Rachel** to our family
- ☞ **Helping us raise 3 godly boys**
- ☞ **Scriptures** made available to many more people in their own **heart language**
- ☞ **People who have put their faith in Jesus Christ** and grown through our ministry
- ☞ His help through many difficult circumstances

We **plan to continue in full-time Christian missionary work** until the Lord tells us not to, or until we arrive at our true home in Heaven. Lori and I have been praying and seeking the Lord about what to do after this field term ends in June, when Evan graduates. **We feel that the Lord has put a strong desire in both of our hearts to go to Hilo, Hawaii.** To be honest, it took me a while to acknowledge that this really is God. Yet the Lord not only confirmed to us that it was really Him, but He pointed out some compelling reasons why we should follow His leading.

- ☞ I have started work on the **Scripture on the Web project**, and burn with desire to carry on that work. That work can best be done from a place with **affordable broadband Internet** and easy access to computers and parts.
- ☞ **We must go to the U. S. A.** and live there for a couple of years to fully establish **Rachel's citizenship.**
- ☞ There are only 25 U. S. A. states and one territory that explicitly and **fully recognize adoptions**



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**finalized in foreign courts** without any further readoption or application for recognition. The **only one of those that Lori and I have any connection to is Hawaii**, the state where we first met and where we always said we would like to live. The thought of

starting adoption proceedings over again in another state, like Colorado, Texas, or North Carolina, with even a small possibility of failure, is stressful, not to mention time-consuming and expensive.

- ☞ Hawaii is in a much **better time zone** for daytime communication with coworkers in the Pacific nations for whom I'll be publishing Scriptures electronically.

- ☞ Geographically, Hawaii is much **closer to the nations I will be working with**, making it easier and more cost effective to meet face-to-face when necessary.

- ☞ Unlike many places in Hawaii, Hilo has some reasonably **affordable housing.**

- ☞ Hilo has a campus of the **University of Hawaii**, making it easy for Lori to complete her **teacher certification continuing education requirements.**
- ☞ Prevailing trade winds bring **fresh air** and blow smog and volcanic emissions away from Hilo, and it is a safe distance from currently active vents.
- ☞ We feel good about raising Rachel there, with **good churches, good schools**, and better access to **swimming** (which she loves) than we have here in the PNG highlands.
- ☞ **We earnestly desire to follow the Lord** wherever He leads us.

Therefore, we are planning to move to Hawaii in July, and planning to **visit family and partners on the mainland** some time in the Fall. **Please pray** that this transition will go well and that we would please the Lord in all things.

## Rachel's Column



My big brother Evan and his friends got the Yellow Submarine van running again. He put a big ice cream cone on top and played ice cream truck music really loud on Saturday. His friends scoop up ice cream for people while he drives around. We like ice cream.



We went to a Bible dedication in Uvol village. I got to swim in the ocean, there.



After the Bible dedication, we flew to Kokopo. We got to swim in a new swimming pool. We saw a volcano erupting at Rabaul. Then we went back to the SIL guest house. I really like to swim.

## Healing Prayer Request

by Michael

We have been dealing with two problems in Lori's body that appear to need medical care beyond what is available within Papua New Guinea. We have been fortunate in that in about 8 years of living in PNG, we haven't yet had to make a special trip to Australia just for medical care. It looks like this is about to change. Unless the Lord chooses to heal her completely before then, we plan to make a trip to Cairns to consult with specialists there and see what should be done.

Please pray that the appropriate visas and permissions are granted, and that money comes in to pay for this. Our insurance will cover the care, after a deductible, but will not pay for the transportation and lodging while we are there, which could add up to a few thousand dollars above our normal budget. Please also pray for wisdom and understanding for the doctors, and for complete healing for Lori.



There was a lot of World War II activity on New Britain Island, especially around Rabaul. Reminders of the war are still here, in the form of graves, monuments, tunnels, and wreckage of tanks, barges, and airplanes.

## Please Keep Praying For

- Productivity for us for the Kingdom of God
- Protection for our whole family against spiritual and physical hazards
- Provision for all of our ministry and personal needs, especially for our medical trip to Cairns, our expensive journey back to the U. S. A. in June, and college tuition.
- Plans for the future (especially after Evan graduates from high school and Nate graduates from Brown University)
- Peace and godliness to prevail here in the Aiyura Valley

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

*Michael & Lori Johnson*