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Taking God's word to those who haven't heard

Hello Friends,

To get to Mot, our village, from Sentani, our town base, you can take a truck up and over, down and around mountains and mountain sized pot holes, across rivers, and right past ravines and cliffs. This road is dirt, mud, and sticky clay, and it will take you all the way to the village of Bias in anywhere from 6 hours to 2 days.

From Bias, where the road ends, we begin our up-and-down, down-and-around, across-and-through-the-jungle hike to Mot. If you're Papuan this takes one full day. If you're like me or someone else not used to the terrain, I don't know how long it would take. I don't know anyone who fits that description who has done it.

I'm very thankful for the airstrip built by the missionary who served a neighboring people group, along with the people of Mot. I am also thankful for the airplane mechanics, pilots, and all the other YAJASI (the local mission aviation group) personnel who make it possible for us to leave Sentani and land in Mot just an hour later. Speaking of YAJASI, since the end of February, we've been blessed to have YAJASI mechanics Zach Smith, Enos Nugraha, Dan Rounds, and Josh Harrington come out to help us with the renovations on our house in Mot. The people of Mot have also been incredibly willing and ready to help, working hard to ensure we have a home that will enable us to serve them more effectively. On March 11th, we were happy to have my papa, Duane Root, arrive to stay for about two months and oversee our house renovation project.

To this point, my building knowledge is very limited, but God has provided people to fill in my gaps. He is so good and faithful. We are so grateful for all the people that God has used to help with this stage of settling among the Murkim people.

Thank you for all of your prayers and financial support. We have been so blessed by God's generosity through His people to the point that all of the funds for this house project were already available when we started.

Please continue to pray for others who will come out to help us with our house in the next couple of months. Pray for God's work in them, for God's will in their travels, and for their time here. Please continue to pray for our relationships with the people in Mot, which are growing, along with our vocabulary, which is growing little by little. We are excited for the day when we are more settled and can dedicate most of our time to learning the Murkim language and culture.

In Christ's love,

Matthew, Sarah, & Azariah

Prayer Requests & Needs

- The hearts of the Murkim People
- Renovations on the house
- Building relationships with the people
- For us to grow in Christ



Matthew and his Papa after a day of plumbing



Digging for the septic system



Azariah helping Daddy

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