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MATTHEW & SARAH THOMPSON

Missionaries to the Bibleless of Papua, Indonesia

Hello Friends,

This month has been filled with lots of travel, transitions, time with family, and opportunities to share what God is doing in Papua.

At the beginning of June, just six days shy of three years since we flew to Indonesia, we boarded another plane and made the trip back to the United States. This is the boys' first time in the States, and it has been so much fun watching them discover all the "automatic" things we don't have where we live, such as paper towel dispensers, faucets, toilets, and elevators! They have done surprisingly well through all the travel and transition and have thoroughly enjoyed being spoiled by grandparents, aunts, uncles, church family, and friends. One of the biggest highlights of our time so far has been watching so many people that are special to us finally get to meet our boys.

Another highlight of our time here was being part of the 100th meeting of the messengers of the American Baptist Association. It was such an encouragement to see the legacy of God's work through generations of ABA missionaries. We also enjoyed reconnecting with many of our supporting pastors and church members. Matthew had the opportunity to give a brief update during the missionary share time and to speak at the World Missions Focus.

Later this month, Matthew will travel back to Papua for a Project 24/7 translation workshop. This is a huge milestone because it will be the first workshop where we will be doing translation of scripture. The Murkim people, along with six other language groups, will begin translating the account of Creation. We are super excited and thankful to be taking this step!

Please pray for:

- Safe travel to and from Papua and for little to no jetlag for Matthew
- Understanding for the team as they translate the account of creation
- Wisdom for Matthew as he leads the team in translating God's Word into the Murkim language
- Unity among the translation team
- Clear and accurate translation
- Sarah and the boys as they remain in the States with family while Matthew is away

Thank y'all for your prayers and support

Love in Christ,

Matthew, Sarah, Azariah, & Malachi

Prayer Requests & Needs

- Good time with family and friends over furlough
- Matthew and the boys begin translating the creation account
- Hearts to be open to the gospel



Leaving Papua



Speaking at the World Missions Focus



Playing with cousins

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