

Dear Friends and Family,

Thank You

When our words fail us, the only thing we have to say is, "Thank You." Thank you for loving us through your words of encouragement and your prayers. The Lord has used so many of you to minister to our aching hearts. This Friday will mark 3 weeks since the loss of our little daughter Elizabeth Grace at only 14 weeks gestation. We know that the Scriptures are true and that they say that our trials will produce joy, hope, and perseverance. Only God can take something as ugly and heart wrenching as death [something caused by the sinful state of man] and make it something beautiful. He did that with His Son and He has already been doing that through the very short life Elizabeth lived in her mother's womb. He has used our pain to help facilitate healing in the lives of others in a way only He can do. Thank you for your words of encouragement and prayers that have helped us, through His Grace, to endure this trial and grow closer as a family.

Because of the recent turn of events, we will no longer be coming to the US in January 2015. We will now be waiting for our regular home assignment time which will be in the Fall of 2015.

Outreach

About 3 ½ weeks ago now we finished our outreach, teaching a group of 14 from creation through the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Many have expressed that this is completely new teaching for them as they've always been taught that our salvation is by means of our works or something we can do. This last Sunday one lady said, "We cannot be saved by anything we can do. It's only by trusting in Jesus' death on the cross for our sins that we can be saved." Others have not been quite so outspoken, but have said, "This is big talk. I need to go home and think about it." In the coming weeks we will be trying to get with each individual to see if they have questions and to see if they're trusting in Christ. The last two Sundays we've had nearly 30 adults attending. This includes a number of new people. Combining the 30 adults with the 30 children and youth, we have had a full house!

Translation Check

Last Wednesday I had a translation check done on the book of Ephesians. We praise the Lord that the check went very well and only a few minor changes are needed to help it to communicate more clearly. Thank you for your prayers. I am slowly making progress in writing the Ephesians lessons. Actually, I am adapting/translating the lessons from the English *Building On Firm Foundations* curriculum that we teach. Once adaptations are made to make the lessons more culturally applicable and cultural illustrations are added, each lesson equates to 1 ½ or 2 lessons in the language here. Through the teaching of the book of Romans we've been learning that the new material is very heavy and they like to take in little bits at a time and digest them. Sometimes they'll ask us to just teach half a lesson as it is hard for them to retain all the new material in a whole lesson. After all, how many of us can take in a large quantity of Romans in one sitting?

Prayer Points:

- Continue to pray for our family as we find a new "normal". Pray specifically for the boys as they each process things in their own ways.
- Continue to pray for Robyn's physical recovery as well as each of us in our emotional grieving process.
- Pray for the individuals who came to the outreach we did, that they would be trusting in Christ alone for their salvation.
- There will be a women's believer's conference in November. Some of the ladies have expressed an interest in attending this. Pray that the Lord will provide way for them to raise the money they need to be able to go. Also be praying now for those who will be speaking at the conference that God would make it clear to them what these ladies need to hear.