

Today is Good Friday --- but there is something very conflicting about saying "GOOD" when you realize that this is the day we are remembering that awful moment in history when our precious Savior was tortured and suffered on the Cross --- and we refer to it as "GOOD"? Well --- for you and me it is "GOOD"! It's "GOOD" because our Lord --- our Redeemer came back from the grave --- and THAT'S why we can say "Good Friday"! Easter comes at such a perfect time, because this is the time of year that reminds us of death turning to life. As we watch the tulips and the daffodils popping up out of the cold, dead-looking flower beds and the "dead" trees are starting to burst forth with fresh new little leaves, there is just that wonderful coming-to-life kind of feeling in the air! And so we say to you - -- HAPPY GOOD FRIDAY! HAPPY EASTER!

It just seems incongruent that life can come from death! That "GOOD" can come from evil --- that suffering is a blessing --- that "when we are weak, He is strong". Scripture says that if a grain of wheat falls onto the ground and dies --- it will bring forth much fruit --- that by Christ's wounds --- we are healed! He tells us that "when we are weak, He is strong". We have been watching this principle play out over and over again lately on some of our mission fields. A young pilot, who was desperately needed to fly in New Guinea, was in a motorcycle accident several months ago and lost his leg. This just doesn't sound "GOOD"!!! Our daughter, Starr and her husband are fluent in the Tepehuan language --- they LOVE the people and desire above all else to be able to work in that place but they have recently had to spend several weeks out, doctoring and are not sure if they will be able to continue their ministry due to her health! How can "GOOD" come out of that?! Then there's the couple that have spent YEARS learning the tribal language and culture who have just received the news that the leaders in that tribe want nothing to do with the Gospel. And so today, as I write, they are packing up to leave --- their hearts are broken and we all wonder what "GOOD" can possibly come from this?! But --- I am confident that God has a plan and a purpose in each of these different situations and I can't wait to see how He's going to bring "GOOD" out of it all!

This is certainly our testimony as we see Him bringing "GOOD" out of all the many times that we have been weak or felt inadequate to the task that He has given us. I can honestly say that I am convinced that this journey of pain that I've been on for so many years is "GOOD"!!! God is showing us over and over, as we minister, as we teach, and as we live among the students and staff here at the MTC, that God is giving us a very special --- a very "GOOD" ministry here! It has been a year since my back surgery and it was definitely worth it! I am now able to stand up straight again and my back is not as twisted. I still live with pain --- but it is more manageable now, even though it's still with medication. My "quality of life" has improved and I can sit for longer periods of time. So, was it worth it? YES. Was it easy? NO. But for all the reasons He has for it all Paul and I can say --- it is "GOOD" because it is what He has for us. Paul has been such a wonderful care-giver to me through all of this, but he says that now, since his knee replacement surgery he has a better understanding of pain and its many ramifications. He is doing so well, and has almost regained normal movement and activity.

And so --- let's all join together and say --- "it is "GOOD"! :-} God is so "GOOD" to us to give us partners like yourselves!!! Thank you for your prayers and for your financial support! We are very aware of the fact that we could never be here in this ministry without your partnership and we thank you for the many, many years that you have been a part of reaching the lost for Christ. MANY are hearing the Gospel and understand "GOOD Friday" because of your involvement! God bless you abundantly!

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