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Furlough Plans Update

Changes that are unexpected to us don't take the Lord by surprise. How thankful we are that we can trust Him when things seem uncertain to us!! Making travel plans to get a family of 6 from a remote village in Papua New Guinea all the way around the world to Pennsylvania can be a challenge without the ability to look up various options on the internet. However, with the aid of a travel agent, a very kind sister who got to 'play' travel agent and a helpful mom willing to make lots of phone calls for us, all of the details of our trip home are now figured out!

We're going to be busy from the moment we land – family reunions, seeing siblings who are also missionaries and only in the US for a short time, finding clothes from storage that hopefully still fit us and aren't too out of style, moving into the house where we will be living... We still don't know exactly how long we will be in PA, but probably at least until early February 2019. Our boys will be attending the Christian school associated with our home church for the first half of the year and then we'll go back to homeschooling once we return to PNG. One main thing we still have to figure out is how to balance the boys' school schedule with visiting our supporting churches.

Finishing Well in Amdu

Less than 5 weeks remain before our mission plane will pick us up here in Amdu and fly us to town to begin our journey to the US. In those weeks we have much we hope to accomplish – making good progress on translation, finishing the homeschool year, continuing to spend time with our Amdu friends who worry that we won't return, and securely closing up our house and office that will sit empty for many months. Pray for us as we seek to balance our time well.

Literacy News

Two days before our teammates the Hatton's left for furlough, we held the graduation for the second literacy class. This class was even more motivated than the first class and it has been fun to watch them excel at this new venture of reading. No new literacy classes will be held until after the Hatton's return, but each student was given some books at their level to read and practice while we're all gone. Most of the class, along with a few of the helpers from class one, are pictured.

Thank you for faithfully praying for our family and for the ministry here in Amdu. We look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months!



For His glory,
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