

“Greeb’s Greetings” May, 2005

Newsletter from:
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What are the Greebs up to now???

We are busy packing, visiting and trying to enjoy the last few weeks here in Wisconsin and Michigan. Our furlough or “home assignment” comes to a close on May 30th as that is the day we start our journey back to Papua New Guinea and to the Madak people. We have enjoyed seeing our family and our friends as well as making some new friends. We are sad to say the goodbyes, but grateful for the time we’ve had here. We don’t feel worthy of being God’s representatives to the Madaks, but we thank Him for the direction and peace He’s given us to continue working among them. We have been refreshed by and are so thankful for those of you who have reaffirmed your support for our ministry and your love for us while we were visiting with you on our home assignment.

What about this coming term???

We will probably spend a few weeks opening up our home, wiping the mold off the walls, and settling back in. Our goals this coming term are for Karl to spend one year finishing culture and language study, then another year translating Bible lessons and corresponding Bible passages into Madak, and then spend the 3rd year teaching and discipling any Madaks that choose to believe in Christ for salvation. Maribeth will be getting full swing into home-schooling along with all her normal tasks of being a mom and

a housewife. She desires to seek more opportunities to interact with the Madak ladies.

Something New:

We want to add something new to our Newsletters. We are going to introduce you to some of the Madaks that we live with over in PNG. We want to give anyone who is interested the opportunity to pray for these folks to believe God’s plan of salvation when we present it this coming term. Meet



Bunganen: His wife’s name is Wilma, and they have three young sons. He has been my best language helper and my closest cross-cultural friend. A number of times when I was discouraged that the only time Madaks came to me was to ask me for my “stuff”, God would send this guy around and all he wanted... was to see how I was doing. Thanks, Lord.

Home Going

Maribeth’s step-dad, Lyle, went to meet His Savior last month in April after a year and a half of battling lung cancer. We are grateful for Lyle and Maribeth’s mom, Beth, allowing us to live with them during part of our home assignment. We tried to be a help to them while living with them, but as it turned out, they were a bigger help to us than we ever were to them. We were repeatedly challenged and encouraged by the way they both found God to be their Rock. Despite the terrible and painful trial, when they talked about God, they only spoke of His

goodness. They are a testimony to our young family on how God is more than able to provide the comfort and grace to endure hardships when we turn to Him alone. Thanks for your example, mom.

Prayer Requests:

1. That we’d walk with God, and grow in the understanding of His grace.
2. That our marriage relationship would continue to grow, and for wisdom in raising our 3 children.
3. That we would have a safe journey back to PNG. Pray our kids would endure the 30 hours of traveling...and that their mom and dad would too!
4. In June, the Bittners are bringing their oldest daughter, Abbie, home to the USA to go to college. Pray for the adjustments their family will have because of this separation.
5. That we would desire to “dig in” and finish learning the Madak language. Also pray that the Madaks would be hungry for the truth from God’s Word.

Praises:

1. For the many meaningful and refreshing times we had with family and friends on this home assignment.
2. For God’s kindness in providing for our financial needs.

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