



Olson Family Newsletter Update

*Serving the Lord to Reach
Unreached Language Groups in
the Philippines with
New Tribes Mission*

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***And the Word
became flesh
and dwelt among
us, and we have
seen his glory,
glory as of the
Only Son from
the Father, full of
grace and truth.
~John 1:14***

Dear friends and family,

We have just 2 weeks to go before we will be leaving Texas again! Ginny and Abby just finished with Impact, an outreach in Central Texas, and I have wrapped up my last preaching engagement! So now it is back to the Philippines!

How incredibly busy this past year has been. We loved being in Texas, seeing friends and family, and driving across the country sharing about what the Lord is doing in the Philippines. In the process, we saw that God is doing things here in the USA as well! Though times may seem dark, we have been promised an eternal inheritance. Times like this may test us to see if we truly believe that God's promise is real, God's promise that will be fulfilled just over the horizon of life.

That is why one of my favorite verses in scripture is this promise from 1 Peter chapter 1:3-5 -

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Everyone living here on earth is one day going to face death, until the time in which the Lord returns. "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb 9:27) We are reviled by the world today for standing strong for truth – a moral all encompassing truth that God has set in place and man has not the power to change.

So how do we respond to those revile us and call us bigots because we believe this truth that God has given us? We respond the same way Jesus responded – with love. "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." The reason is, included in the truths we believe about what is morally right and wrong is the truth that I have already mentioned above – that God in His grace is granting us an inheritance in the heavenly places, which none of us deserve. After all, we were all like them before we received the grace of Christ. We don't deserve the good things God has given us, yet He has given them to us, so we press on in faith.

One of the good things God has given our family is **the privilege of serving Him** to finish reaching the tribes in the Philippines! I want to share here about some things that are happening in over there that will be in front of us as we return.

Very soon after we arrive **I will be making a trip** to one of the southern islands to do a language evaluation/coaching session for a missionary there. This is yet another family that has willingly sacrificed worldly success in order to take the Gospel to tribal people in the Philippines, and our role is to help them get there.

In the northern part of the country, we have about 7 missionaries in 3 tribal locations that are **studying the tribal languages** of the people around them. Sometime in the first year we are back, I will try and make arrangements to visit each of those locations in order to help these folks get to where they need to be in their language and culture studies. In one of these

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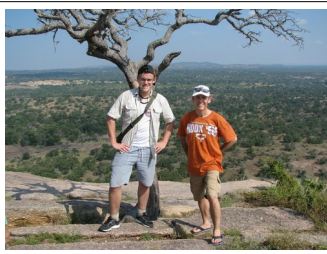
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locations, they will soon be teaching the message of Christ for the first time! We are very thankful that God allows us to be part of the work of bringing His message to people that would otherwise have no opportunity to know Christ.

In the central part of the country, closer to where we will be living, a new school year at Faith Academy will begin. **Ginny has been asked to teach several classes** – US History, IGCSE History, IGCSE English as a Second Language, and Modified English. IGCSE is an international curriculum that comes from Cambridge University in England, and meets the education requirements for students who are citizens of British Commonwealth countries. Wow, it is going to be busy! But what an opportunity to share love with missionary kids (MKs) whose parents have made a commitment to serve Christ with their lives.

Also near where we will live, about a 2 hour drive away, **new missionaries are studying Tagalog** in our national language program. This also is a place I will be visiting regularly, in order to assist the work going on there. When I am able to get some pictures of me with the new families, I will post them.

In addition to all this, we hope to be involved in **helping equip Filipino missionaries** where ever they might go. We have already visited the missionary training center once, and hope to be able to do so again.

All of this is pretty amazing to us. We miss our Palawano friends, but since we moved out of the tribe the Lord has opened up all these opportunities to serve Him in other ways. Though we still see the possibility of returning to the tribal location one day, for now we are pressing forward with assisting new missionaries as they go out.

We are also very thankful for your prayers and support to keep us on the field. As many of you know, this year at home **we were mostly focused on restoring my health**, which has gone well. We have also put a lot of effort into communicating what we are doing in the Philippines. Our financial support has improved, but we are still waiting on a few pledges to be fulfilled before we are back up to full capacity. In addition to this, we are going to have **some added expenses** as we get started again moving back. If you would like to make a donation to our ministry and help us out with these start up expenses, I have included instructions on how to do that on the front side of this newsletter. We are prayerfully grateful for every single one of your gifts of support, so that we can continue doing our Father's work in the Philippines.

Blessings to you all in Christ!
George



Ludi was one of my language helpers when we lived among the Palawanos. He recently wrote a message to send to all the people who were praying for him and his people when the Gospel was being presented to them. I hope it encourages your hearts, since so many of you are among those who prayed...

“We want to thank them so much for praying for us as we listened to the Gospel message. We heard it so clearly, and believe it with all our hearts. We also want to ask them not to waste any time fighting with their brothers about things that don't matter, because that will distract them from remembering the lost people like us around the world. We were like hungry people who couldn't find food, people lost deep in the jungle who couldn't find the way out. Now our “livers” are full. Now we have found the way out of the jungle into the sunlight. We are no longer afraid, and we are so, so happy, and so thankful. Please tell our brothers and sisters in your country to think about other people who are still hungry and lost like we were. Please tell them we need to all remember them and take God's good news about the Deliverer to them too.”

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