



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

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Thank you never seems quite adequate to express the gratitude our hearts feel. Truly, over and over, in our life and ministry we have seen God directly answer prayers. We have seen God answer prayer and then someone share they were praying even without knowing there was a specific need for that prayer. Thank you for being a vital part of the ministry God has called us to. Thank you for your prayers for our ministry, for the Kiribati Bible Project, for Tarawa Baptist Church, for what God has us doing here in the Pacific Northwest, for our family, for our son, Bennett – the list goes on. We are privileged to partner together with you for the cause of Christ. Thank you for serving alongside of us.

We are grateful for not only the call of God to take His Word to those who have never heard, but also that His Word is alive and an ever-present help. Psalm 119:116 states, ***"Sustain me according to thy word, that I may live: and let not my hope be confounded."*** 17 years ago, we stepped out as young people following God's call on our lives. We could not see the many twists and turns God would allow, but the one thing that is constant and never changing is God's sustaining power. We are grateful that it is He that sustains us and that is not reliant upon our own strength. What truth this verse gives that because His word sustains us, we have hope. We are grateful that the same sustaining power that has seen our family through the last 17 years, will sustain us ***"... till the Day of Jesus Christ."***

Thank you for continuing to pray for the Kiribati Bible Project, that God will be glorified and that many I-Kiribati people will come to know the Saviour as a result of His Word going forth. We are so thankful for the ministry of MyOwnBible that has begun putting the Kiribati Bible into a digital format on their app which will be available to I-Kiribati speaking people around the world. We are grateful for their vision to make God's Word available both here in America and to the uttermost.

Please continue to pray for Tarawa Baptist Church. We have recently begun talks with a local architect who we are hopeful will be able to assist us in building a permanent home for the church. We would also ask you to pray for Tabomoa. This is Pastor Abwai's wife. She is having some medical issues, and we are praying God will intervene. Please also join us in praying for the Lord to work out the logistics to restart our Bible Institute. We were hopeful for that to begin in January. We have run into some logistical problems getting the needed materials to Kiribati. This comes of no surprise, but we have seen God answer similar prayers just as He did with the Kiribati Bibles. We have people eager to begin and no doubt this is an attack of Satan. We are thankful God already has the victory. Here in the Northwest, we have seen God at work. We are thankful for the students who we have had the privilege to work with this semester. Currently, there are 7 students training here this semester. The four young men who are here are all majoring in Pastoral Studies. What an awesome privilege to be a part of seeing the next generation take up the baton. Would you pray with us that God will do a mighty work in and through these students as they seek



God's will for their futures. Together, we have had the awesome opportunity to assist Dan and Lindsay Grover in a new church plant in Libby, Montana. It has been exciting to see God work and to be a part of the birth of this church. Just this month, we also hosted a youth winter retreat. Praise the Lord that 3 teenagers put their trust in Christ alone for Salvation. In April, Brooke will also be hosting a Pastor's Wives' Retreat here at The Passage Northwest. This retreat is dear to our hearts. We seek to be a blessing to each Pastor's Wife and Missionary's Wife who will be attending. Please pray for God to be glorified and for hearts to be encouraged.

I also continue to be an interim for Clark Fork Baptist Church as we not only seek to see new works planted, but to strengthen the things which remain. The need for Pastor's in America is great. Truly, the harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few. We just desire to serve the Lord and to help in anyway where God plants us for this time. Would you please join us in praying for God to give a Pastor to lead this work so that He will continue to be glorified and the work will continue forward at Clark Fork Baptist Church.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our son Bennett. Acupuncture continues to bring temporary relief each week to his consistent head pain. We are grateful for each minute God allows him to be free of pain. We know this is a direct result of so many around the world praying for him. In February, Bennett was once again taken to the Emergency Room per doctors' concern. He had a significant amount of blood passing through his kidneys. Emergency Room doctors were nonconclusive of the cause and thought maybe it was an idiopathic one-time issue. Unfortunately, the blood has returned. We have once again run into issues getting him into a specialist here in the Northwest. Will you please join us in praying he will be able to see a Urologist soon, but most of all that God would completely heal his body.

Again, we are grateful for your prayer, love, care, and support. Thank you for praying for God's sustaining power as we seek to serve the Lord both here, the Pacific, and wherever God plants our family for such a time as this. May the Lord continue to use us, and may we share the hope found in God's Word with those He puts in our lives.

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