

Hi everyone

Cherri and I leave San Diego again on Thursday for a three week trip to the north western states. Our main prayer request is for safety as we travel as we may well hit snow and ice along the way and that is NOT something fun for us to drive in. Give me cows, goats and chickens as a hazard any day! We will be visiting with friends and supporters along the way and each of the next three Sundays we will have opportunity to share something with churches who have participated with us in ministry. As always, our desire and purpose in making this trip is to encourage and challenge God's people everywhere as we share all that has been accomplished through their partnership with us in Indonesia.

Our main note of thanksgiving is about our last trip. The first weekend in March we had a great weekend in Toledo, Washington at a missions conference there. It was exciting to see their enthusiasm both for the Lord and for His plan to take the message of salvation to those near at hand as well as and in the farthest corners of the world. You can pray for lasting fruit from that.

In other news, David (our son) and Melissa as well as Jodi (our daughter) and Jason have a lot going on over in Papua, Indonesia. Dave is heading to Singapore for his heart/cholesterol check and for doctors to look at his shoulder and knee which have been giving him trouble. On his return, they will have SAT tests for the kids as well as attend a "Team Translation Workshop" in preparation for beginning their teaching program in Nagi. He and Melissa are working hard to be ready for their next language and culture evaluations coming up in a few months. Daughter Jodi and Jason will be planning a short home assignment this year. We're so happy that they will arrive in the States before we leave here! At the moment, Jason is still hobbling around after tearing ligaments in his ankle. Their support level is not where it should be so we know they too would appreciate your prayers for opportunities to share their ministry in order to raise interest and awareness while they spend time in the States and Canada.

We are pleased to report that a new Lauje team has been formed and are making steps to locate in a village close to the tribal area. Their goals are to make themselves known there first, just as we did in the early days. They desire to build trust and establish links with important people outside of Laujeland so that as they work with the church, much of the suspicion and mistrust involved in going into a new area is avoided. The team is made up of two Indonesian families and one American family. We will still be involved with their efforts, but they will be on the ground on site whereas we will be more at a distance. We will give you more information about these plans in the future.



Photo:

New team members--Michael and Amy Hutteman, Jerry and Femmy Yakobis, Jessy and Elly Basso

This note has to be short as we wanted to get this out to you right away so you can be praying about our road trip. Thanks much, Barrie & Cherri