

Prayer and Praise Report – Barrie & Cherri Williamson

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Good news! We are so pleased to be able to say that just this past week Jason Bechtel completed the layout work for the Lauje New Testament. What a great accomplishment that is! He has done a terrific job and the finished product looks beautiful. Please give God thanks with us. That done, Cherri and I are now in the process of proof reading the whole thing one last time. It is amazing what we can still find to correct. We are doing 20 pages at a time and the new Testament is 1196 pages in length. We are currently at page 60. Cherri has the best eye for this, but she can only manage a few hours per day before feeling the effects in her eyes so it will be some time before it is complete. We have spoken to our printer in Jakarta and he is ready to order the “Bible paper” for us so plans are shaping up and moving ahead.

Not so good news. There have been a couple of setbacks in Laujeland. I heard this morning that there are many people sick with malaria in the Ogoalase region including Rindumali who I talk with via radio. Last Monday he mentioned that the new opportunity at Peladine is stalled. Apparently there is opposition to teaching there as they believe it will bring some kind of sickness upon their children and cause them to die. The whole story wasn't clear to anyone in our neck of the woods but, from what we understand, a couple of guys from another area had gone to visit but were not well received and were blamed for the death of a dog. It looks like it will take some time to build trust and strong relationships that will eventually lead to better understanding.



Good news. Mom continues to improve and is gaining strength every day. It has been remarkable to see how the Lord has provided for their needs and encouraged them through this difficult time. They have been blessed in so many ways through the kindness and helpfulness of our special friends.

Our son David is recovering from a complicated shoulder surgery. He will need further surgery in the future, but he is trusting the Lord to be strong enough to return to Papua at the beginning of May. Son in law, Jason, just returned to the U.S. after leading a short term building team to Papua to work on a project at the mission home in Sentani. Jodi has been holding the fort, caring for Dylan and the three girls.



We are both doing well and glad to be home again. With a little patience, have been able to get things in the house back in working order and are excited to be physically present and a part of things again. It is great to see how the Lord is working in diverse places across this vast country. It is our privilege to work alongside dedicated and passionate people. In the middle of complicated problems, physical challenges and many a frustration, these unsung heroes keep on doing what they are here to do, making an eternal difference among people from a wide variety of languages and cultures. It is our prayer that we may be able to continue to serve, bringing encouragement and assistance wherever we are able, in order to see the Church in Indonesia strengthened and equipped to become all Christ intended for her to be.

Thank you for the significant part you play in our lives as we share together.

Spreading the fragrance of heaven through our conduct on earth,

Barrie & Cherri