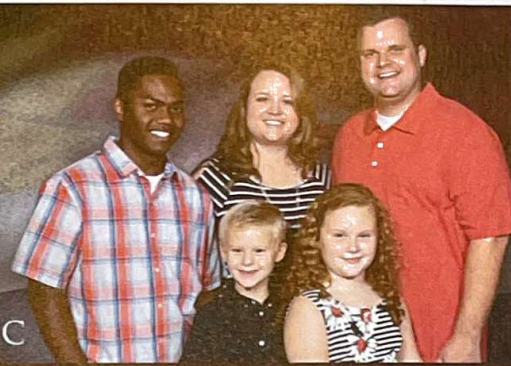


The DAKU FAMILY

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL TO THE UNREACHED PACIFIC



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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from the sweltering Northwest. It seems the tropical temperatures have followed us to Montana where we have had record breaking temperatures this summer. Certainly, not what we were expecting, but has made us feel at home none-the-less. We are thankful that God has allowed us to serve Him here in the Northwest. We miss our church family and ministering in the islands, but we are grateful that God's work is not limited to a geographic location.

We have just finished our final week of camp here at The Passage Northwest. We are grateful for all the Lord has accomplished in the lives of so many throughout this summer, and we are overwhelmed that He allowed us to be a part of it. We saw many come to know the Lord as their personal Saviour, and many others surrender their lives for His service. The Lord's work is advancing, and He is calling forth the next generation to follow Him. Please pray for these young people from all over the Northwest as they return home. Please pray they will keep their eyes on the Saviour and stay true to the commitments they have made. We look forward to what God will do in and through their lives to change this region for His honor and glory.



We have mixed reports to give you concerning Kiribati and the Pacific. The good news is that the work of Tarawa Baptist Church continues to move forward under the leadership of Brother Abwai. I am able to speak with him often, advise, and encourage Him in the Lord. We are grateful that technology allows us to do this. Brother Abwai has been working along with us to translate several Gospel tracts. These are being printed by Beacon of Truth Ministry and will be shipped along with the Kiribati Bibles upon completion. Please continue to pray for these final projects and for shipping logistics. The church has had to move all services to our home due to land disputes around the location we used to meet. These disputes make our former location inaccessible. Meeting in our home requires more transportation, but the church has made the adjustment well. Please also pray that God will keep our vehicles running. The men of the church have begun building a small fence around our church property. This is the first step toward building and is put up to keep animals out and neighbors from claiming the property as their own. We are thrilled that they are moving forward. It is our prayer that soon Tarawa Baptist Church will be able to meet on their own property. These day-to-day issues take their toll, and Brother Abwai covets your prayers on their behalf. Please pray that God would give wisdom and encouragement to him and his family.



We are grateful that Kiribati is still COVID-free, and services have not been restricted as they have in Fiji and other parts of the Pacific. As America slowly inches back to normality, much of the remaining world is spinning with COVID-19 surges, extreme government restrictions, and prolonged closed borders. We have church members who have been stuck overseas in Fiji, Australia, and Korea for over a year and a half due to the closed borders. Kiribati has announced it will not reevaluate opening its borders till 2022. During the recent surges, Fiji also closed its borders to citizens and foreigners alike, restricting church services of any kind, blockaded cities not allowing people in or out, and implemented days of stay-at-home orders. Please pray for these tiny nations whose economies are greatly suffering. Pray for church members and friends who no longer have jobs. Please pray that God will keep them strong in their faith and would provide for their every need. We know the Lord loves them more than we do and will care for the spiritual and physical needs of His children.



We appreciate your faithful prayers for our family, the ministry in Kiribati, and the ministry here in Montana. Our hearts are often overwhelmed by your care. We appreciate your faithful support which enables the ministry in Kiribati to continue, and our family to serve here while remaining a part of the work there. Despite a changing world, we are certain the Great Commission is still the heartbeat of Christ. It is our desire to do all we can to be a part of His great work both here and in the uttermost. May the Lord continue to bless you and use us all for the furtherance of the Gospel.

In Christ

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