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“The small group of believers are thrilled to read God’s Word in their own language. Some of them have helped enthusiastically with the translations. “When I get to heaven I am going to tell David that I helped tell his story in [our own language],” our language helper and a faithful brother in Christ said. We, as a team, are humbled and thankful for the opportunity to be a part of translating God’s Word into [this tribal language]. We earnestly desire to guard and nurture our team’s unity and cooperation:

*‘Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up (Eccl 4:9-10).’ “*

I received this update from our good friend Peter a couple days ago and I decided to share it with you for two reasons. The first is the biblical reminder that we need friends to help us back up when we fall down. Thank you SO much to each of you who have phoned, visited, sent words of encouragement, sent special gifts, faithfully sent financial support and especially PRAYED for us during our extremely difficult year of chaos and turmoil - 2019. The Lord has been gracious to give us rest and healing during my six month sabbatical. Thank you for praying for us! My own health is back up to about 60%, giving me the confidence to move forward with our plans for 2020.

This is the other reason: God’s kingdom is continuing to advance among the unreached language groups of the world and as long as the Lord gives me strength I want to be part of it in whatever way I can.

We are continuing in our role as faith-supported missionaries with Ethnos Canada keeping our hands to the plow and looking ahead to how God has positioned us for service to see the Gospel proclaimed in every tribe and tongue and people and nation. We’ve been knocked down but we are doing everything we can to get back up and get back into the action. We have long term goals and desires for the coming years as to how we might best support our friends and co-workers on the ground who are doing the daily difficult work of planting tribal churches among unreached people groups in remote locations. It is too early to talk about those long term plans here, but we can talk about the plans for this year:



*Sidney, Levi, Cassia, Corianna (and Indah) clearing a trail for snowboarding*

Lord willing, here is the plan for 2020: 1) To promote missions in BC churches in our area. 2) To develop equipment to build airstrips in remote mountain locations to support our teammates back in Asia Pacific. 3) To disciple people around us with a foundational Bible timeline like that used in the tribe. (We have already begun teaching people here in Clearwater.) 4) To follow a healthy schedule and pace so that I can regain strong health - so that after this year, when my strength has returned, I can make trips back to Asia Pacific to help our tribal church planting teams with challenging projects such as remote air strip construction.

*A family update from Dawn :)*

*I am slowly adjusting to living in Canada while working through the sadness of leaving Indonesia unexpectedly. I am having ups and downs with my Celiac disease and learning how to stay healthy. I am so happy the kids are doing well and that Duane is slowly improving.*

*Sidney- He is happily enjoying university and is finding lots of courses that interest him. He is involved heavily in sound boarding for chapels and events and making lots of friends. Pray for wisdom as he is interested in 3 majors and is making plans he can afford for the next semester.*

*Cassia- She is working hard at her last grade 12 courses and is particularly enjoying Psychology. She is kept very busy with dog, horse, school and the occasional work shift at a hotel nearby. Her exciting new thing is that she has just completed her Bible school application for the fall!*

*Corianna- She is still having a hard time adjusting to Canada. She loves working with her German Shepherd pup and has it doing dozens of tricks already. She is hoping to join search and rescue this term and is busy working hard on grade 11.*

*Levi- He is probably the happiest kid to be in Canada. He has friends and activities here that he loves. He is learning metal work with Duane, modifying a small car into a tank! He also enjoyed mountain biking, hiking and swimming this summer. He is learning independence for the first time as he had very limited freedom in Indonesia. He is preparing for grade 10 and is persevering with his dyslexia and dysgraphia which, of course, make desk-learning challenging.*

We are thankful to God for:

- His provision of all our needs through family and friends and His church
- Duane's ability to return to full-time ministry
- a positive place to live for our kids

Please pray with us for:

- improved health for Duane and Dawn
- solid adjustment to life in Canada for the kids
- the specific ministry and family needs mentioned above

We greatly appreciate your partnership with us in the work of the gospel of Christ up to this point. We are eagerly looking forward to what is ahead as the Lord provides. We welcome your input and questions at this ministry juncture. Thank you for your friendship.

In His grip,

*Duane*