



Keeping up with the Jones' Family

OFFGRID TECH November 2018

Getting ready for winter takes a lot of work. Now granted it is less work here in Missouri than in New Hampshire but there are still things that need to be done. I have been working late hours and on days I don't like to work on to get all that I need to get done before winter. Why am I working so hard when I still have time, well it is because I don't. A team of us are leaving Thursday November 8th for South East Asia. We will be gone for the month of November, returning on the 30th.

I am really excited about this trip as I will be going into two remote areas to visit with missionaries who were previously my students. Then we will be visiting with missionaries in town that were also my students. Another blessing we will have on this trip, is that we are bringing equipment over that they need. Equipment for their solar electric systems so that they can have electricity in the remote locations where they live. Currently we have ten extra bags of equipment

going. So if you see us in the airport checking in, you may want to get into another line.

Speaking of air ports, we were looking at our flights the other day and added up the total of actual time on the plane that we will have on this trip. Round trip we will have 61.5 hours just on the plane, this does not account for in country small bush plane flights. We also added up all the layover time and let's just say I am bringing a good book, we have a lot of layover time in different countries.

I may have the chance to connect to the internet and if so I will post some pictures of our visit, and give an update as to how we are doing. When I get back I will send out an update on how the trip went.

With our team being gone from our families for this long of time and over Thanksgiving, please keep our families in prayer.

My family will continue on like I am there because I have a great help-

mate, Tina. I know I will miss her and she me but God is a great God and will take great care of both of us while we are apart.

As I mentioned earlier I have been working on getting ready for winter, well our biggest project has been vehicles. It seems like they knew I was leaving and they all decided to have something go wrong. Ernest II's vehicle decided to have a fuel pump go out, and in the process of fixing that I found a rusted out part of the suspension and frame (you can tell it was from New England). Our van decided to drop the exhaust (again do to rust) and take the converter with it. Then when I went to get the parts, my truck did not start due to the battery going bad. It was a cold morning and it did not like that, so I had to jump it to go get parts. At one point I was asking God, "what's next", and that was not in a good way. I was discouraged but I was also reminded that God is in control and that He maybe had this happen now so that my family does not have to deal with these problems when I am gone. So Thank you God for having these problems show up now while I am here and helping me work through them in a right way.

Back tracking a little. Earlier this fall I had some great times with students teaching them basic automotive, small engine, and how to use a chain saw safely. This was during their Simple Living time, in

which they spend around a week living out in the woods. This simulates remote living overseas. It was a great time of experiencing off-grid living and the most important part of this class is "team work". This class did a great job working as a team, it was a pleasure to be with them.

Thank you for partnering with us and have a great November and a Happy Thanksgiving.

Serving Together,

Ernest, Tina, Alizabeth, Ernest II and Grace