



Yes this picture from San Diego
The outdoors in MI aren't so appealing
to us this time of year

Happy New Year!

We hope that you are as excited as we are about another year of knowing our Lord and the opportunities that He has given us to serve Him.

We are still here in Michigan serving at the first phase of New Tribes' missionary training. Jacqueline's health diagnosis is still unclear so we have committed to staying another semester. It's definitely a challenge for us to be here since we had planned and hoped to be in Papua New Guinea by this time last year. Our plan is to continue to serve here until we have a more clear diagnosis and/or managed symptoms. We continue to look to the Lord for wisdom as we plan our future and God-willing, continue on to PNG.

We realize that things have not progressed as we had originally projected because of circumstances beyond our control. We have always tried and want to continue to be upfront and as clear as possible with you in regards to our ministry. We know that it is your desire to be a good steward of what God has entrusted to you. We are grateful that you have chosen to support us as missionaries that are focused on expanding the reach of the Gospel to those who have never heard the name of Jesus Christ. Since the question has been raised we would like to address the issue.

Should you continue to support us?

1) We are missionaries to the foreign field (Specifically unreached peoples)

As the world's 3rd largest evangelical missions organization, New Tribes Mission has missionaries who are currently working with 269 people groups worldwide in 31 different countries. Considering our focus is church planting and Bible translation amongst unreached people groups, we work primarily in the 10/40 window, as well as Central and South America. We are privileged to be playing a direct role in reaching the most unreached people on the planet today by training and preparing students who will be the next generation of career missionaries to the far corners of the Earth.

2) All roles within the mission are equally necessary to accomplish the task

Many of you attended our presentation last August where we showed the value and necessity of each role played by NTM missionaries in order to effectively carry out our Lord's command to take the Gospel to the ends of the Earth. We showed how the whole team works together; from the missionaries in the tribes, to those working on the support bases, then all the way back here to the US to those training all the others, and the financial supporters. A good illustration would be the armed forces: Some are across enemy lines, others are at base camps, still others are here in the States training and preparing new soldiers to depart to foreign lands, and others are financial supporters.

3) Your financial support is crucial to the mission

In both examples above, all members are working together for the same purpose and each is equally important. But more vital than each individual role in the missionary chain is that of the local Church and individual supporters. Your support is the crucial link that allows all of the others to function (Rom 10:15).

While we cannot be on the front lines at this time, we are thankful that we can still play a part in what God is accomplishing around the world. You can be certain that every prayer and every penny of your support is translated into every ounce of our energy focused on the task of taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who have not yet heard.

We want to personally thank you for your faithful support of our ministry.

In Christ's love,

Keith & Jacqueline

Praise Report

- God is training us as we train others
- Some of the Koreans have progressed in English and moved on their training

Prayer Requests

- Jacqueline is currently dealing with jaw pain, fatigue, and headaches
- Jacqueline goes in to see more specialists in a couple weeks
- Wisdom and strength as we invest in and train future missionaries



Future Tribal Missionaries

Here are some notes from some NTBI graduates this past December expressing their appreciation for our supporters:

"Thank you [our prayer and financial supporter] for the part you are playing in reaching the unreached! This is the purpose of the church and you are playing a HUGE part in this as you support the teachers and staff at the Bible school. We students are being equipped to fulfill the great commission! Thank you!"

- The Smith Family –

"Thank you so very much for your involvement in sharing the Gospel with those who haven't heard! It is so encouraging to be a part of the body of Christ and to see how God is using all of us! You have been so very important in the equipping of the students here! Love in Christ."

- Becca Turner –

"Thank you SO much for everything you do to keep our staff here. They have trained us, discipled us, and impacted our lives for eternity. You have a special part in reaching the ends of the earth with the precious gospel. I thank God for your lives."

- Tenley Porras -