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Missionaries to Solomon Islands
January 2015 Prayer Update

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

God gave us a wonderful Christmas and New Year with family, as we were thankful for the break from our travels. We are excited about the New Year and what God has in store for us.

We thank the Lord for a safe trip to Oakwood, Georgia, for our first meeting of the year. We were able to meet and fellowship with many wonderful people. The speaker for the week was Bro. John O'Malley, WWNTBM's General Director. We are greatly encouraged by his preaching and friendship.

With every passing day, our burden and desire to be serving on the Solomon Islands only increases. It is such a time of rejoicing when we are informed by another church that they desire to partner with us. Our support level is now at 16%, and we are so thankful for the Lord's gracious blessings that He abundantly provides.

There are times in life when God in His infinite wisdom chooses to bring a time of testing into a Christian's life. The end of January 2015 will always be remembered as one of those testings. Our December update was highlighted by the announcement of my wife expecting our first child. We did not know that God would decide to bring our dear little son home on January 30th, 2015. We chose the name Lucas Matthew, which means "bringer of light" and "gift of God." God is so good to have given us fourteen weeks with our precious baby boy. We do not understand why God chose to take Lucas home, but we do know that His way is always best. Thank you so much to all of you who have held us up in prayer during this difficult time. We have been greatly encouraged by the many texts and emails we have received, some from people we have never met. The Lord has filled us with peace that only He can give, and we know that is a direct result of His people praying on our behalf.

May the Lord bless you all in this coming month as you endeavor to be a light in this dark world. Thank you so much for your prayers and support; we do not take it lightly.