

the DEATRICK family



YOUR MISSIONARIES SOLOMON ISLANDS

Dear Supporters and Friends,

We are amazed at how God has worked these past few months. What a privilege it is to see people growing in their knowledge of God and the Bible. We are seeing visitors frequently and have seen THREE more people make a profession of salvation since our last update letter! We are learning that although we are very careful, not everyone is genuine. However, we were so excited to see our first three men baptized last month! I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to take these men through several discipleship lessons and see God work in their hearts and lives. Please pray for "J", "S", and "C".

We are also happy to announce that God has provided us with a vehicle. The Lord provided through many of you and we were able to purchase it at the end of June. Since vehicles are very expensive here on the Island, we purchased one in Japan and had it shipped. Believe it or not, it is much cheaper to go that route. We are still waiting on our vehicle to arrive, but it should be coming this week. We will be posting pictures on our facebook page once it is here with us. We are very excited to see how this will aid our ministry here. Thank you so much to those of you who gave!

Just recently, I was scheduled to meet up with one of our young men for a Bible study. I was becoming frustrated because he didn't show up. As I was sitting there, I encountered a security guard and we struck up a conversation. Right away he revealed that he had been having Bible studies with the Mormons. After further conversation, I learned that he had been led to the Lord by Missionary Baptists a few decades ago but recently had become disgruntled because of gross hypocrisy in the pastor's lives. Because of the hypocrisy, he was searching and although he had started these Bible studies, he was very confused by some of the teaching. I invited him to church and he showed up. He seem to really enjoy the service and we have set up regular times each week for Bible studies. The situation with this man was a lesson I needed to learn yet again. God has a plan in everything. We always need to be focused on how, when, and where, God is working rather than focusing on "our" plans.

We are super excited to announce that God has blessed us with another precious baby due to arrive this coming April! We are thrilled and thankful for this new little miracle that God has placed in our lives. As many of you know, Nora does not have a normal pregnancy and has many risks and complications. Because the medical care here is not equipped to care for her and the baby, we will be sending her back to the USA next week. This is a little earlier than we planned, but there is currently a Dengue Fever outbreak here as well as Zika and the constant threat of Malaria. We are taking all precautions possible to keep her and the baby safe. Because this church plant is in the infant stage and there are no other missionaries here, we both do not believe that God would have me leave at this time. Although this is extremely difficult and the separation will be painful, I know that my wife and children will be well taken care of as they stay with family. We are confident that the Lord has a plan in everything and He will give wisdom, direction, provision, and strength in the months ahead. Lord willing, a young man will be coming for the month of November so I will be able to be reunited with Nora and Corban. We are praying that the Lord would provide a couple to come for a few months around the due date as well. Please be praying for the trip next week. Nora has already been dealing with severe morning sickness and it will be a 48 hour trip total. We are praying that the Lord would ease her sickness during those two days and help Corban to sleep a lot. God always has a plan. We must simply take it one day at a time and obey His leading for that day.

All for Him,

Michael, Nora, Corban, and Baby Deatrick

PRAISES:

- 3 professions of salvation
- 3 baptisms
- vehicle purchased
- Corban is a big brother!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Safety for Nora and our precious new baby
- Safe trip for Nora and Corban back to the U.S.
- Strength for Michael as he will stay behind
- Souls to be saved
- Christians to be disciplined
- Health
- Wisdom

