

the DEATRICK family



YOUR MISSIONARIES SOLOMON ISLANDS

Dear Fellow Laborers,

The last several weeks have been a lesson in patience for us. Our hearts are longing to be back in the Solomon Islands with the people whom God has called us to serve. However, since Nora has been having health issues, we understand the need to make sure that she is on the road to healing before we return. It has taken what seems like endless tests and consults with doctors. Two doctors have told us they believe that Nora has Lyme disease. We have pursued that route with a month of treatment and are getting ready to hit it with another month as soon as the medications come in. Due to reactions Nora had after the first round, we had to wait a few weeks in order for her to be ready to do another round. Because of the way testing and treatment works, we can't really be certain that Lyme is in fact what is causing Nora's symptoms until we see if the treatment protocol works. We have seen what we are hoping are some small improvements after the first month. The main goal is to build up her immune system which is very weak at this time.

Concerning the future, our goal is obviously to get back to the Solomon Islands as quickly as possible. Our prayer is that God will allow us all to be back home together by the end of August. After talking with doctors we feel that this is a realistic goal, however, we are willing to delay if Nora needs more time. Her health on the mission field is a priority especially considering the living conditions. One possible obstacle to this goal is an appointment that Nora has with a cardiologist next week. After some heart irregularities and being seen by a general practitioner, Nora was referred to a cardiologist. From what we have been told, she doesn't think it is anything serious but wants to be cautious. Please pray fervently for this appointment. Thank you all for praying with us and supporting us through these past few months. It's been very evident that God's people are praying and we are eternally grateful.

Thank you so much for your prayers for Pacific Light Baptist Church. I am so happy to tell you that the church is doing well. There have been visitors almost every Sunday. It has humbled me, but proven to me again that the protection and health of the ministry there is not up to me, but entirely in God's hands. He does not need me there to do His work. I am privileged to be used by Him. There have been many things that could have been a danger to the church, but God has protected and guided the people there. I am so thankful for God raising up Joseph, a Solomon Islands mature believer, who has taken over the preaching duties and has done a phenomenal job. We are in frequent communication on what is going on there. All I can say is that God is in control and God is good. What a great God we serve! Please pray much for Brother Joseph and the people of Pacific Light Baptist Church, especially for continued unity. Satan wants nothing more than to destroy God's work there.

Thank you all so much for all that you do to be involved in this important ministry in the Solomon Islands. I am excited about the future and look forward with anticipation to what God has in store for Pacific Light Baptist Church. I look forward to the day we can rejoice together in person at what God has accomplished by using us in the Islands. May God continue to bless you all as you serve him in your areas of ministry. We will continue to keep you updated as we learn more. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. My number while in the States is 815-566-1302.

All for Him,
Michael, Nora, Corban, and Kezia Deatrick

