Dear Faithful Supporters,   November 24, 2021

Please join us in prayer for the Solomon Islands and the people of Pacific Light Baptist Church. We received troubling news last night before bed about active unrest. What started as a protest quickly turned into a riot and looting. We checked in with our people there and as far as we know, everyone is safely in their homes. Some shops underneath our church were looted, but the meeting place of Pacific Light Baptist Church has been spared. We are so thankful for those who have been praying. We meet in a Chinese owned building which puts a target on it and all of our things are stored inside. There is still a danger of fire to shops and other buildings so please pray with us that police will be able to maintain order. Honiara is currently on a 36 hour lockdown in an attempt to do that.

It has been over three weeks now since we sent our second formal request to the government seeking permission to re-enter the country. We sent the first back in July. We praise the Lord that the Prime Minister has reopened the country from a total shutdown on flights! They have begun allowing people in again with special governmental permission. It appears that it is a slow process, however, as we still have not heard anything. We continue to wait and pray. We know that God has a plan and we are resting in His plan concerning our return to the Solomon Islands. We are unsure if the unrest will have an impact on the timeframe of hearing back from the government.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving tomorrow, Nora and I are extremely grateful for you, our supporting churches. It has been a time of uncertainty and dealing with situations in this uncharted territory as missionaries and supporting churches has been unique. We are humbled by the patience of our supporting churches and praise the Lord for each one of you. God is so good. His faithfulness reaches unto the clouds! What a wonderful Savior we serve. May God bless you as you stop and reflect on His goodness. We love you.

All for Him,
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