

The DEATRICK FAMILY

Solomon Islands

Michael was just diagnosed with malaria today. Please pray for healing and grace. This is the first time for any of us and he is very miserable.

Dear Faithful Supporters,

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“The LORD is good unto them that wait for him...” It is with grateful hearts that we sit here in our home in the Solomon Islands and give God the glory for what He has done in bringing us back after two years away. With a slight God ordained delay in Los Angeles, we arrived safely home on August 2nd.

I wish every one of you who has faithfully prayed for our return could have been here for our first Sunday back together. What rejoicing there was as we praised God together! We truly stand in awe of God’s faithfulness in keeping His church.

It hasn’t been an easy two years. There were countless times of searching God’s heart, only to receive the repeated answer of a simple “wait”. Our hearts are so humbled by each one of you who has faithfully prayed, supported, and encouraged us through this unique waiting period. I know that it is not ideal in human thinking to continue financially supporting missionaries who are away from where you are supporting them to be. God has provided the needs of us and Pacific Light Baptist Church through you. Thank you.

Now, we finally get to look toward the future and it is so very bright! God has amazing things planned for Pacific Light Baptist Church and we are so privileged to be a part of His work here. As we get our feet planted, recovered from the trip and jet lag, and our family adjusted to the culture, we are beginning to start checking things off our list.

The container loaded with Bibles, John and Romans, hymnals, tracts, Sunday School Material, books, and our household supplies has been shipped and is en route. We are so grateful for WWNTBM and Crossroads Baptist Church in Columbus, NC who loaded everything for us. We finalized all of our paperwork for our two year visas and submitted those last week. The fees for visas have been raised significantly, but we know God will provide. We have been able to reestablish many contacts who had fallen away and are working to pick up on discipleship and one on one Bible Studies. Our next step is to get the church organized with the government here and constituted and we are working on that now. Then we will be cleared to raise money for land!

Please pray for God to give us wisdom as we have so many things we can be doing and we can’t do them all right now. We need clear direction on how to prioritize everything. Would you continue to pray for fellow laborers here in the Solomon Islands? We are excited to have Colton and Melodie Lee come and plant a church on Malaita (please continue praying for their deputation!) and we are praying specifically for another family to come join with us in Honiara as we work to get Pacific Light Baptist Church established and a Christian School and Bible College started. There is so much to do and so few of us. Please pray for health and strength as we adjust to the heat and lifestyle here.

Thank you so much for your prayers for us. May God richly bless you as you serve Him faithfully.

All for Him,

The Deatrick Family
Michael, Nora, Corban, Kezia, and Ellie



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