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## Thinking Of You

Hello friends. We are grateful to not have any major life changes or traumatic events to report on from the last 3 months. This is the first time in quite awhile that we are feeling something along the lines of “normal.” But, even though each of our struggles are different, I also know that in this season each and every one of you understands deeply the need of just a little bit of peace and rest from all the chaos.

As I consider your many burdens, there are two verses on my heart. What I have craved the most throughout our struggles here are grace, mercy and encouragement. I know I am not the only one. I am reminded of Paul’s words, *“I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”* Ephesians 4:1-3 and of Psalm 145:18, *“The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.”*

All that to say, we want you to know that we are thinking of you, praying for you, and appreciate you immensely!

### Forward Movement

As for us, we are grateful for the number of positives we have had in the past few months:

#### CHECKOUT

In July Alex was finally able to finish his maintenance checkout with MAF, as well as get checked out at 3 new airstrips, both which had been put on hold since March.

#### TRAVEL

As a family we were able to travel to Sentani to visit with friends and more fully walk through the grief of losing our friend Joyce in May.

#### SCHOOL!

The pre-k curriculum we ordered for Jackson arrived last week, in a record 2.5 months from the ship date to our door, and we are now starting the new adventure of homeschooling together.

#### BIRTHDAY

Lil’ B just turned 2! He has certainly jumped head first into toddlerhood recently, but it is so fun to see his personality and his relationship with Jack develop.

#### PRAYER

We are so grateful for our teammates here in Nabire! Looking ahead, as they take a furlough, we will likely be the only expat family in town from before Thanksgiving through the month of January. Additionally, Christmas is a busy season of flying and Alex will have to manage a lot during that time (including the base!). Also pray that we find good opportunities to get involved with the community as most options still remain closed.

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A worried father saying a prayer as his sick family gets ready to depart



After the patients arrive, we choose to care for them by taking them to the hospital. Sometimes this means staying with them and helping them at the hospital, where nothing is provided and Papuans are often neglected.



Remember Tarisi from last prayer letter? She and her twin boys are healthy and back home in Bina!

## MEDEVACS!

These past few months our Nabire base has been experiencing a huge influx of medical evacuations. We have been really overwhelmed with requests! What a great opportunity to use our airplane (PK-MAX) to serve the isolated people of Papua, so they may be *physically* and spiritually transformed.

### Bacon Bites Back

Yokim lives near the village of Daboto. When he was bitten by a wild pig and his leg started to become infected, his life was in danger. For a healthy man it would take weeks of walking through the forested mountains and marshy lowlands to get help. Fortunately his trek, although grueling as he was forced to walk by dragging his body on the ground, was less than a day to the airstrip. He is doing much better now and ready to go home!

### A Plane Full

In the hot and humid village of Turumo, our Bible translator friend explains to the plane full of sick guys how to use masks and a quick low down on what germs are.



Above: Yokim after arriving at the airstrip

Below: Showing off his healed leg



Peace and Love,  
Alex, Trish, Jackson & Benaya

