

The DAKU FAMILY

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL TO THE UNREACHED PACIFIC



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Psalm 73:26 states *“My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever.”* Over the years God’s strength has never lessened and it has never failed, yet so often He has pushed us beyond what we can do to show Himself mighty. The past several months God’s has opened so many doors, we look back and say this isn’t possible, but God has! He has and continues to do amazing things both here in the Pacific Northwest and in the Pacific Islands. Thank you for partnering together with us as we see God at work.

On the Pacific front, the ministry of Tarawa Baptist Church continues for the Lord. Abwai is doing well and still growing in His service for the Lord. A while back we asked prayer for His family, and we are so thankful you prayed. God has answered those prayers. Thank you for your faithful support that enables the ministry there to move forward during these unusual times. While Kiribati is not completely opened, they did have their first commercial flight this month in over 2 ½ years. To say the nation is overjoyed is an understatement. Many Kiribati nationals (including some of our church members) remain stuck in countries around the world. Their return home is the government’s first goal. Covid restrictions remain stronger than most countries and entry will not be easy for some time, but we pray this is a step in the right direction. There are also some major political shifts taking place, which seem to be backed by China. We are praying God will protect our island home that we love.

Please continue to pray for the shipment of our Bibles. We had hoped that this letter would inform you that they are on their way across the Pacific Ocean; however, there has been great difficulty in finding a shipping agent willing and able to ship to Kiribati. This was a difficult thing pre-covid but is proving an even more difficult thing today. We know God is able, we know He has promised His Word will accomplish what He pleases, and we know these Bibles will arrive when the I-Kiribati people are most ready to receive them. It is still my prayer that I will be there to help distribute these upon arrival. Continue to pray with me that God will make that possible.

Here in Montana we have just concluded camp season at The Passage Northwest. Wow, it has been amazing to see God still at work. We are grateful to be able to assist in this ministry. Over 30 young people came to know the Lord as their Saviour during the six weeks of camp we were a part of. Many surrendered their lives to the Lord for His service. Each week, we concluded with a bonfire and testimony time. Our hearts were overwhelmed as hand after hand went up to testify of what God was doing in their hearts. It is our prayer that these young people will be a part of reaching the world with the Gospel. I express each week as camp concluded that this was not the end, but the beginning of great things the Lord has in store for their life if they choose to wholly follow Christ. Please pray that the work God has begun will continue in their hearts.

I also continue to help a local church as they seek a pastor. The shortage of pastors is heartbreaking as I hear church after church that is seeking for a man of God to lead them. Now, more than ever I am burdened that we must *“pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that he would send for labourers into his harvest.”* We just assisted with VBS and are grateful for what God did. We saw over 50 kids in attendance and two young people came to know the Lord. Please continue to pray that God would lead the right man to shepherd this precious flock.

Thank you for your prayers not only for the ministry that God has called us to, but also for our family. This month we drop off our eldest at Bible College. We are so grateful for God’s call upon Daniel’s life and we are even more thankful that He has answered that call and is stepping out in faith to begin preparation for the ministry. Please pray for Him in the days to come. Adelynn is entering 7th grade. We are grateful her health is doing well. She recently received a good report from the specialist with no medication changes for the time being. Bennett is entering 5th grade. He passed out a few weeks ago and has had some lingering issues. They have sent him to a neurologist and cardiologist just to rule out anything major. Thank you for your prayer and love for our children. It is a blessing to our hearts.

While many doors of ministry continue to be opened for us, we ask that you continue to pray that God will strengthen us to do His work and would guide our every step. He has been so faithful, and it is Him we wish to be glorified. Thank you for continuing to partner with us as we follow Him and reach both those around us and around the world.

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