

The DAKU FAMILY

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL TO THE UNREACHED PACIFIC



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the greatest missionaries of all time, Hudson Taylor, once said, *"I am no longer anxious about anything, as I realize that He is able to carry out His will for me. It does not matter where He places me, or how. That is for Him to consider, not me, for in the easiest positions He will give me grace, and in the most difficult ones His grace is sufficient."* There have been times we have felt anxious, but God graciously reminds us His will, His timing, His ways are perfect, and it is He who accomplishes His work through us. We have known His grace that brings inexplainable peace each step He leads us. We have felt the power of His sufficiency so many times as you have faithfully prayed for us. We are grateful for your faithfulness to hold us up. We are thrilled to share some answers to those prayers and ask you to join in praying for others.

We are so excited to announce that soon the Kiribati Bibles will be on their way across the Pacific. A man in my father's church has worked for months to obtain permission from the Fiji government to ship the Bibles to Fiji since we have been unable to ship them to Kiribati. God has granted us that permission. Once in Fiji, this dear brother will then be able to ship them on a smaller ship directly to Kiribati. So many of you have prayed with us and we are so thankful God has answered and made a way!

We are also excited to share with you that the same week that God worked out the shipment of our Bibles, we learned that the borders to Kiribati have finally opened. We have been in touch with Kiribati immigration and while their borders are opened, entering is not as simple as before. Since 2020, Kiribati has swapped allegiance from Taiwan to the Peoples Republic of China. China has infiltrated our small government and much of their immigration process has changed. Even to obtain a simple visitor's visa requires prior approval to enter and involves a several step process. It is my prayer that God will open the door for me to go over on an extended trip by the end of the year. This trip will be made by me most likely, due to continued health issues in our family. It will be mainly to encourage Abwai and his family as they lead the work, arrange proper documentation for the Bibles to enter Kiribati, and to work on obtaining building materials in Fiji to begin building a church building. Please join me in praying God will work out each detail according to His perfect time and will.

We are grateful for your prayers for our son, Bennett. When you receive this letter, He will have had a constant headache for more than 300 days. This they believe began with a blood clot in the vascular system of his brain. It was hopeful that the treatment of that would yield relief from the pain, but it has not. While varying in degrees of pain, it never goes away. This extended period of pain has wreaked havoc on his little body. He has developed extreme sound sensitivity and is no longer able to ever go without earplugs. He even sleeps in them. He is fatigued and struggles with stamina. Normal everyday life is difficult for him often. He has been in and out of Specialists offices across this region, we have tried numerous things that have been suggested to us, and these all continue to lead to dead ends. We know with God there are no dead ends. He has a purpose and plan for each path He allows in our lives. Bennett realizes that much more than we do I believe. It is often convicting to our hearts to see the faith God has given him to face each day. Please continue to pray with us that God will heal Him or give the doctors wisdom to help find him relief.

God has allowed us to continue serving Him here in the Northwest while assisting the work in Kiribati as well. We are overwhelmed by God's all-sufficient strength to enable us. Over the past couple of months, we once again had the privilege to direct camp here at The Passage Northwest. God did an amazing work. Many young people accepted Christ as their Saviour and many also surrendered their lives to the Lord. Not only were we able to see God work in the campers, but also do a mighty work in the lives of the camp staff. The camp staff are students from Crown College who gave their summer to serve alongside of us. What an encouragement to our hearts to see God working to call the next generation into His service. Our son Daniel was able to serve and be a part of camp this summer and God has placed a burden on his heart to spend a semester here in Northwest serving God in this needy region of our nation. Will you read his letter which is enclosed and consider being a part of what God is going to do in and through him in the upcoming months?

We greatly appreciate your continued support of ministry to which God has called us. We appreciated your faithful prayer for our ministry, but also our family. We appreciate your encouragement especially as Bennett has dealt with these issues over the last several months. Truly God has blessed us by allowing us to partner with you in His service.

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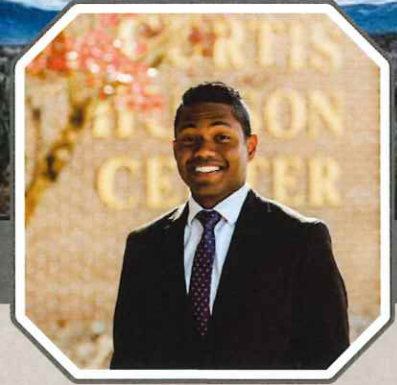
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DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS,

God has opened the door for me to spend this fall semester at The Passage Northwest located in Heron, Montana, an extension campus of The Crown College. I am currently a sophomore at Crown studying Pastoral Ministry. God has given me the privilege to see the need of this region firsthand. The Lord has allowed me to serve alongside my family both in the Pacific and here in the Northwest. Both places are underreached areas in great need for more laborers. The Lord has miraculously provided The Passage Northwest to be a launching point for laborers who are burdened for the lost in this region of America.

I am excited to be a part of the work that God has begun here at The Passage. During the semester, we as students will have the opportunity to travel to various churches. The different ministries we'll have the privilege to be a part include preaching, teaching, singing, and soul-winning. I am specifically praying that God would reveal His specific direction for my life and that He would grow my burden for the ministry.

First and foremost, would you pray that the Lord's work would be accomplished both in my life and in the ministry He has called us to this semester. In all this, may God be glorified.

Second, would you pray with me that the Lord would provide financially this semester. Although still a student at Crown, I will be unable to work and will have to raise my tuition along with traveling expenses. Will you join me in praying that the Lord would provide the \$8,000 needed to cover these needs. If the Lord leads you to give towards this need, the Information for giving is given below. I look forward to sharing with you what the Lord does during my time at The Passage Northwest.

In Christ,

Daniel Daku - 1 Cor. 6:20

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