

The DAKU FAMILY

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL TO THE UNREACHED PACIFIC



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Bible states in I Thessalonians 5:25, ***“Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”*** Throughout our ministry We have witnessed God show Himself powerful through all He accomplishes. When we have been overwhelmed by the tasks in front of us, it is then we so evidently see God accomplish what only He can.

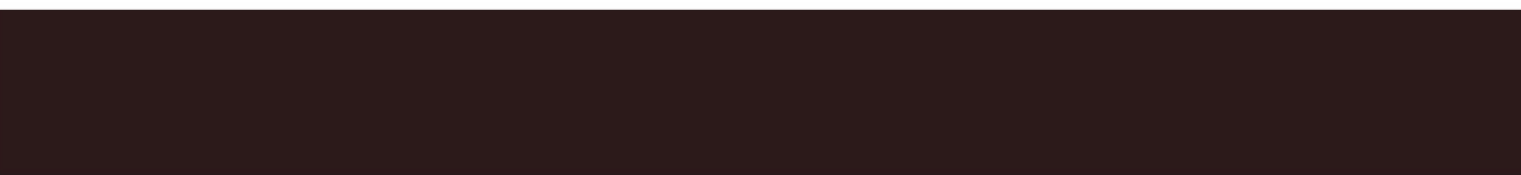
In February, I had the privilege to return to Kiribati. Due to medical issues in our family, only I was able to go at this time. During my trip there, I saw God accomplish what only He could. We are grateful for your faithful prayers and support throughout the Kiribati Bible Project. We are excited to share with you that they have arrived, and distribution is in full swing. Our church was thrilled to see the fruit of their labor, to



hold God’s Word in their hands, and to give them to their family and friends. God went before and we had no issues bringing them into the country. The news that God’s Word had arrived passed quickly over the island, and within a couple of days people were coming to ask for their own copy of God’s Word. The Tarawa Baptist Church family continues distribution both on the island of Tarawa and have plans to take them to the outer islands.

When I left for this trip, I knew that after 12 years, we were losing our rental and church meeting place. After many hurdles during my time on the island, we were able to get our church land leveled and are now in the process of obtaining building permits to begin building.

This is a daunting task as building supplies will need to be ordered and shipped into the country. We also were not sure where we



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What an encouragement to my heart to see God still accomplishing His work in the island nation of Kiribati. How our hearts are thrilled to see Him still drawing the people we love unto Himself. Tarawa Baptist Church is going strong, members are continuing to grow, and the gospel being given. During my trip, Abwai was ordained to the Gospel ministry. When we think back to the very first time Abwai entered our service and set in the back, we are overwhelmed at what God has accomplished in His life. He and his family are faithfully leading Tarawa Baptist Church. Their family needs our prayer. Tarawa Baptist Church is the only church of like faith in our entire nation, and the ministry is lonely and difficult as he faces opposition from culture and family. Please pray that God will strengthen them and continue to do a mighty work in and through their lives.



Please be in prayer for the many ministries of Tarawa Baptist Church. Due to covid restrictions we had to close our Bible Institute. Please be in prayer as that we reorganize and begin classes again this fall. We are grateful for your continued support and prayer for the ministry in Kiribati. One day in Heaven, fruit will abound unto your account. We look forward to what God will accomplish for His glory in the days and years to come.

Here at The Passage Northwest, God has accomplished much this spring. Over the past few months, we have had the privilege to work with seven Crown College Students as they studied, ministered, and trained here in the Northwest. In March, we were able to host a Winter Retreat for Teens where I had the opportunity to preach and challenge the next generation to prepare for the future by surrendering their lives completely to the Lord. In April, we hosted a Pastor's Wives' Retreat to encourage ladies as they minister alongside their husbands. Please also pray for Dan and Lindsay Grover as they

return to Libby Montana, in June to plant a church in this needy area. We are look forward to assisting them and see all God is going to do through the ministry He has called them to. We are excited to see God at work in these areas that are so dear to our hearts, but the laborers are few. Please pray that the Lord will send more laborers to the Pacific Northwest, the Pacific Islands, and beyond.

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Please continue to pray for our son, Bennett. He and Brooke have been in TN for 3 months for medical treatment. We have been in and out of children's hospitals, seen specialists, and sought natural treatment as well. He has now had a headache for 17 months without any relief along with other medical issues. God has been so faithful to encourage and strengthen Bennett's heart. We know that is because you are praying. God directed our steps to a group here in Tennessee where he has undergone laser therapy and heavy detoxing. While he is not well, he is the best he has been in 17 months. The

treatments are helping to lessen the intensity and he seems to have more energy on most days. Some testing has been run and has come back abnormal. We are waiting for more testing to be done to confirm our findings and to be assured the cause is being treated. Please pray God will give wisdom and will give our family grace as we are separated during this time. We are grateful for your faithful support, love, and prayers. God has been so faithful, and He continually uses you to encourage and strengthen us along the way. Thank you to many who have given gifts to help during this time of medical treatment and sustaining life in two places. God has used you to be a blessing and we are grateful. May the Lord bless you in return and may we ever be busy reaching souls with the Gospel till the Lord returns. Keep looking up!

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