

"... rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer." Romans 12:12

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- For national believers for us to work with .
- For new language helpers and friends to practice language with.
- For our language learning. That God would bless us with an ear to clearly hear, a mouth to clearly speak, and a mind to understand the language.
- That we are open and responsive to each opportunity that God gives us to share the Gospel and to make new relationships.
- That we are faithful to use our time to draw close to God and allow Him to mold us according to His purpose
- For continued good health and safety in our travels.

PRAISES

- For an awesome spiritual retreat we were able to attend after returning from Kim's medical check-up ... a wonderful time of rest (just what the doctor ordered) ; Biblical training ; and fellowship !!! Thank you to our newest friends from Mississippi :-)

JUST AROUND THE CORNER ...

We can not believe it but it seems that Christmas is just around the corner. As you may remember us saying last year. This has become a season that the merchants are seeking to capitalize on here. More and more of them are decorating for the Christmas season and encouraging people to give gifts. Well, this creates a great opportunity for us and one that we try hard to capitalize on for a 2–3 week period before Christmas when we can give gifts and explain the true meaning of Christmas. **Please pray for our preparation and for "new opportunities"** to proclaim the true message of Christmas to individuals and to larger audiences (something that would otherwise be impossible).

A SEASON OF "CONTROL" ...

Thank you for your continued prayers ... some of you may know Kim had another seizure in September. Because that event followed relatively closely to one in July, the doctors here recommended that we get another opinion. So we were blessed to be able to travel to a neighboring country for excellent medical care. The specialists there did a lot of testing that isn't available here but were again unable to identify a cause for the seizures so they increased her medication. Kim has responded well to the increase medication dosage and she has since been blessed with good health. The medicine tends to make her tired and since the doctor said that one of the best things she can do for herself is to get plenty of rest, she is doing better about trying to get 8 hours of sleep each night. Since we get up early, that means going to bed early and that can be hard when you think of all the things left undone at the end of the each day.

As you can imagine, we have been praying for healing throughout our time here (because her first seizure occurred within the first month of arriving here), but God is opening our hearts and growing our faith ... we are starting to see that this is a season of "control" versus "cure". And while we continue to pray for a "cure" we recognize the blessing of our circumstances that make us trust Him more! We trust that this is part of His plan for us, and that He will use it for His glory. While it isn't the "season" of our choosing, we are learning so much about the depth of His sufficiency and provision. One of the blessings of this has been the necessity to trust Him with virtually everything in our life. There is no way that we can control or manage our surroundings and accomplish even the simple things of life here without trusting Him more completely each day.

So while we continue to pray (and ask you to pray with us) that Kim would be healed and that she would not suffer any further seizures ... we accept her condition and PRAISE HIM FOR PROVING EACH DAY THAT HE IS SUFFICIENT and know that through our weakness He demonstrates His strength!!!

Thank you for your prayers regarding several new believers that we highlighted last month.

"T" was forced to change homes but continues to travel 9 miles by bicycle each week to study the Bible

"V" parent's still call to discourage her involvement in church but not as frequently

We have had little contact with "D"... please continue to pray for her, she stays very busy