

Our Summer Travels have Started

We want to start out this update with a big thank you for all of you that prayed for us during our travels from PNG to Oregon. Not only did we have very smooth flights but we also had a good time along the way. Our 3 days in Australia was very fun and allowed us to meet up with several fellow missionaries who were either heading back to PNG or who were heading to the States like us.



With two weeks under our belt and feeling somewhat rested and ready to go, we left Oregon for BC, Canada and completed the first leg of our travels. We are staying with Judith's parents and have been able to see her brothers and their families and a number of others as well. This past Sunday Judith and I were able to give a Malaumanda report at Judith's church and I expanded on that report for the sermon. It was a great opportunity to share with the church body there though we will need to find the time to be able to visit again and share more about the ministry in Malaumanda and PNG.

This coming week we have the special opportunity to go on an Alaskan cruise with Judith's family. There will be 27 of us total and it should be a fun time. We are thankful for Judith's parents for making this happen. We have never gone on a cruise before but we have heard that the food is great, and it will be nice to have someone else have to figure out how to keep our boys fed for a change. :-) Judith and I will celebrate our 18th anniversary on the first day of the cruise. It might not be the quiet, romantic anniversary trip that we always dream of but that is ok. We are anticipating a great time.

Right after we get back from that trip then we'll head back to Oregon for a couple of days before heading to Idaho, California, Arizona and Colorado for all of July and on into August. We should get to all of our supporting churches and hopefully that means that we'll be able to see most of you all. The Lord is doing amazing things in our lives, in the Malaumanda church and in the country of PNG as a whole, and it is a joy to be able to share that with you.

Now we do have a bit of general info to pass on to you. If you are trying to get a hold of us while we are in the States you can use the same email addresses that you always do. You can also reach us on our cell phones at the following numbers:

Eric - 971-612-1140
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Thanks so much for your prayers and support.

In Him,
Eric and Judith, Stephen, Daniel and Timothy

Prayer/Praise

- **Praise** for our safe travels back to the US.
- **Pray** for many opportunities to share our ministry in Malaumanda and PNG during this summer.
- **Pray** also for safe travels as we travel many thousand miles this summer.
- **Pray** for our son Stephen as he heads off to a MAF adventure camp in July. This camp is set up to generate interest in missionary aviation. The Lord has already given Stephen the desire to be a missionary pilot.
- Please be **praying** for Judith and I as we seek to find the balance between our traveling and speaking responsibilities and some necessary family focused down time along the way. Our boys know the summer travel 'routine' but it is up to us to make sure that it doesn't get to be too much.
- **Pray** for us as we seek to purchase a vehicle in addition to the mini-van that Faith church has provided. Because we live well out of town we end up doing a lot of driving and are looking to get a fuel efficient sedan with a manual gear box that will help us get to our various family activities. We also will use this vehicle to teach Stephen to drive.

One other bit of info

Generally speaking we never mention much about finances in our prayer updates. The Lord has provided and we'd rather talk about what He is doing. While this is always our desire, over the last couple of years we have seen our support level drop significantly. We have had some folk who have supported us for decades but have come to the place where it just isn't possible anymore. We are very thankful for the part that they have played, and continue to play, through prayer. The reality of the situation is that we are about \$1700/month below our recommended support level for life and ministry in Papua New Guinea. We are looking to the Lord to see additional churches and/or individuals who desire to partner with us in our ministry in PNG. Please be praying with us as we wait on the Lord's direction and provision.

