

Steve & Ruth Porter – 10/15/2021

Safely Home!

Dear Family and Friends,

Many of you have written for specific dates of when we would be leaving Nigeria. Sorry, but our security training has implemented new security measures due to the high rate of kidnappings in Nigeria.. We were not allowed to publish dates of travel out of concern that the information might get into the wrong hands and a trap be laid for us.

YES, we left Miango at 7:30 am Wednesday October 13th and arrived at our home in Spring City, Tennessee at 2:30am Friday morning. We collapsed in bed and awakened 5 hours later. Right now our bodies are here, but our brains are somewhere over the ocean. So, as soon as they reunite, we will send a longer letter with the information of the past four weeks. We will be in quarantine for 10 days so we will have plenty of time to share the news.

Gratefully, Steve & Ruth Porter

Ron & Tami James – 10/18/2021

New Developments concerning:

Ethnos360 Aviation

The first R66 helicopter headed for Papua New Guinea has been loaded onto a container and will soon hit the seas for its months-long journey to our team working hard to bring the gospel to people hungry to hear it. Please join us in praying that it will arrive in great condition and in a timely manner.

In the top photo above, you can see the Lord has heard and answered our prayers for more facilities maintenance team members! Jack and Danny join Kent in keeping up with the grounds and the various maintenance of our housing units and buildings here in McNeal. Praise God with us for these co-labourers!

Please continue in prayer for a replacement helicopter for the Brazil program, as well as encouragement for the aviation team there consisting of 3 families.

Mexico Outreach

Ron and Tami participated in an outreach across the International border that we live close to with Abe, a man from our church here in Arizona who frequently spends time in the border town. Every time we tried to speak Spanish, out flowed our Tok Pisin from our years in PNG! But despite our inability to communicate, we were able to distribute some Spanish New Testaments, food items, and toiletries to people in need. Abe prayed with them and conversed with them in Spanish. It is our desire to point people to Jesus, even if it is on such



Facilities Maintenance reinforcements in McNeal!



Excitement with loading and unloading containers



Outreach in Mexico

a small level. Pray the seeds that were planted will bear fruit for God's glory.

Naomi

Our second adult child has been accepted to Calvary University for the fall of 2022! We are excited with her as she pursues her next steps after graduation from high school.

Cameron

Many of you often ask how Cameron is doing with managing his type 1 diabetes. We appreciate you keeping tabs on him. He recently had routine bloodwork done as part of his regular check-up with his endocrinologist, and one result came back abnormal. Consequently (he has low good cholesterol), he has to make more lifestyle changes which include cutting out "simple sugars" and exercising more. This is a challenge for a young man who enjoys baked goods and doesn't like to exercise! Please pray for him, because his heart health depends on these lifestyle changes.

You?

Are there new developments in your life? Are there concerns that are weighing on you? For instance, are there changes in your health? Is your job in jeopardy because of the COVID vaccine being mandated by your employer? We know this world is rapidly changing before our eyes. Please let us know how we can be keeping you before the Throne of Grace in these days. We care about you.

Because of Jesus, Ron and Tami James with Naomi and Cameron

Jason & Torrie Bender – 10/17/2021

Unshaken

Life never really slowed down for us even when we got to Thailand. This has been the hardest season of our lives so far as a family, as we know it has been for many of you as well. I (Torrie) have just started journaling in Psalms after being in Job (quite appropriate for this season of life) and find comfort and encouragement in these ancient but relevant words.



Oxygen concentrators have been sent to doctors and community leaders. These volunteers keep track of the machines and drive them to new homes when patients recover.

None of this would be possible without their dedicated logistical help! Thank you to all the volunteers!



Off to another patient.  
Sat 5:08pm



Thank God for perfect timing to save another life.  
Sat 5:08pm

All the supplies and medicines have been sent/shared throughout Yangon as well as sent to other towns in central Myanmar. Meds are sent to doctors or to volunteers who are consulting with doctors.

Thank you so much for your generosity. People are alive because of what you shared.




“Because of the oppression of the weak and the groanings of the needy, I will now arise,” says the LORD. “I will protect them from those who malign them.” And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times. O LORD, you will keep us safe and protect us from such people forever... But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, for he has been good to me. Psalm 12 (A prayer for our Burmese brothers and sisters during these times of desperation and crisis)

12:36

She is using the Oxygen mask that you sent Jim.. That's a size bigger.. I urged him to find and get the right size mask from chemist shops.

He tried.. got one perfect size fir her.

Guess what?? the one you sent gives more oxygen flow to her body.

I want you to know.. putting tissues and another elastic band to hold that mask..

Your masks ard amazing.. People cant get those masks easily..

**some texts we received:**

"My little brother sent an oximeter and a kit to a patient who lives alone and was infected for five days. She cannot afford anything!"



Thank you!



These went to a patient today with loving kindness. 🙏

The 8:08pm

**some more texts:**

"This patient was at 70 and cannot afford oxygen. I wanted to cry when I saw his levels go up."  
- from a doctor using an o2 concentrator



They both are doing well now. They send greetings and their appreciation to you!  
Sat 3:38pm



Sharing these 4 oximeters to another group in Yangon who're doing great work too.  
Tue 3:42pm

We exchanged/shared our resources for the needy.

July and August Mya Thazin had 2 more hospital admissions for presumed UTIs, the second one just one week after being diagnosed with urinary reflux grade 3 (out of 5- which 5 requires surgery) so she had just been started on 6 months of preventative antibiotics and came down with a fever yet again, in the middle of our second anniversary getaway attempt. She also had a small procedure done after that admission and we are treating her like a 2yr old all over again, hounding her to drink and use the toilet constantly as another hospital

admission would just be too devastating for our family this year. It has been exhausting to say the least and drained our finances that we would have rather been using to help our Burmese friends across the border.

In the middle of these hospital admissions, I was able to help some other friends search for, purchase, and send critical medicines and medical supplies like oxygen over the border to people suffering from Covid. In

July alone, there are estimates of at least 3 people in each family that died from Covid because there was no access to vaccines, medicines, oxygen, doctors, or facilities. Many doctors have gone underground or left if they had not been arrested and the junta was still arresting these underground doctors, closing pharmacies, confiscating oxygen, and not giving the people access to vaccines or facilities. It was very difficult watching helplessly here in Thailand while so many died. Thank you so much to those of you who offered and gave so generously to support these efforts! We have many stories of people who survived because of your help although we cannot disclose any details like cities, names, or faces at this time. Know that you saved lives!

Along the same line of work, I have been collaborating for an organization here in Chiang Mai called Earth Mission Asia and finding medical supplies and medicine for them to send across the border as well to supply their remote clinics in the jungle. Jason may have an opportunity to help with their engineering program as well. The organization was formed over 5 years ago to train and equip Burmese students to become physician assistants and bring much needed medical care to the remote areas of Myanmar, mostly on the border with Thailand. I personally have been wanting to do a similar work in and around our city so we are hoping we can get to know the organization and eventually have a transplant near us. After this year especially with the huge deficit of doctors and medical personnel countrywide, those who are skilled in medical care are and will be a huge need in the coming years. They have a couple of engineering students in order to support the clinics in construction, electric, medical machine support, etc. Jason is helping them look into the possibility of having these students come across the border to continue their training.

We are still doing therapy with the kids and they have made significant improvements though still have some fears and triggers to **work through**. We think the main reason for Mya's medical issues are related to psychological trauma. Please pray for their little hearts, minds, and bodies to heal. They still both have night wakings and nightmares as well. We were recommended a book called "Out You Go, Fear!" years ago but the kids were not experiencing much spiritual oppression or PTSD then. We are looking forward to utilizing this book in the coming weeks and hope to equip them- and get some more sleep! Our counseling has been tough. You can pray for us. It has just been a lot for us to juggle so we are making some changes appropriately and praying **the younger kids' preschool and kindergarten open back up again** so we have some space and time to spend as a couple.

We moved from a tiny little condo to a massive house and it has been wonderful for our family. We are in a neighborhood with many Burmese neighbors and kids so it has been a blessing being able to continue to speak Burmese, talk about the current situation in country and how their families are doing while we share some tea, and the outdoor space the kids get to run around in has been so refreshing.

Myanmar officially declared nationwide civil war in September so conflicts throughout the country continue to rise although many junta soldiers have defected since then so that is at least some good news. We have close friends who are aiding in this process and just hearing about it gives us hope. Many soldiers do not want to even be in the position they are in yet have no way of getting out or **don't know how to**. The currency rate also plummeted to a historic low this month so our friends are all desperately trying to survive already with no jobs but now also double prices on everything from food to medicine, fuel, etc. Everyone is hoping



this is a short period of time that will squeeze the rest of the resources the military has so they have to forfeit but they sure are persistent and crafty. Please continue to pray for Myanmar.

<https://www.myanmar-now.org/en/news/around-1500-soldiers-have-defected-and-joined-the-civil-disobedience-movement-since-coup>



Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge. I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." Psalm 16



We are thankful for the time we got to have in Myanmar and the relationships built, the eternal rewards had, and the many life lessons we learned.

Right now, with Mya Thazin's medical issues needing at least 6 months to work on and the continued situation with Covid here in Thailand and in Myanmar, we are looking at being here in Chiang Mai at least until April at this point. Then we will reassess where things are at with Mya, how the kids are doing in therapy, our own counseling, and the situation in Myanmar and plan accordingly. Our partners had to flee the country leaving the Prosthetic Clinic in the hands of our local partner as civil war was declared and the situation was worsening. They plan to have their first baby back home then will try to re-enter early next year if they can and start looking into opening the clinic. There will be a huge need in the coming year/s for the prosthetic clinic near our city as well as countrywide unfortunately so we look forward to being able to serve the people of Myanmar again soon.



We also celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary! We had to cancel last minute plans to get away due to Covid but we at least got to go up to the temple on top of the mountain and enjoy some cooler weather. It reminded us a bit of our home in Myanmar that sits on the top of the mountain we live on.



David & Robin Watters – 10/16/2021

I woke up to another masterpiece this week! Reminds me of Lam 3:23 " God's mercies are new EVERY morning!"

Verse of the week:

- 2 Cor 3:2 Your lives are a letter written in our hearts; everyone can read it and recognize our good work among you.
- 2 Cor 4:6-7 Your lives are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure (the glory of God) (just like a fragile lantern)

Dear Jenison



Thank you for your faithful prayer on our behalf this past week. We continue to battle COVID and covid restrictions throughout the country. It hit closer to home this week, as some of our friends in the community have come down with covid, as well as one of our staff families. Thank you ahead of time for lifting them up in prayer.

We were able to see one of our orientee families off this week, so we are down to just one. The final family should depart here on Thursday. Now it's time to rebuild... both the curriculum, as well as the maintenance on the houses. See the full update for more details.

In Christ, David and Robin

Dear faithful ministry partners,

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We were able to see one of our orientee families off this week, so we are down to just one. The final family **should depart here on Thursday. Now it's time to rebuild... both the curriculum, as well as the maintenance** on the houses. See my news column for more details. Once all the students have departed, we have a lot of **work to do to get ready for the next class. More about that in the "News" section.**

Here are some things you can be praying with us about this week:

#### Prayer Requests

Pray for the spread of covid throughout PNG. The cases continue to rise, and there are a lot of people sick in many of our remote locations. Travel is still quite restricted.

**Pray for us in this "down time" that we will be able to get the course well organized. Pray for wisdom for what to change/update.**

Please pray for the one of the families from our first class. They are having to head back to the US earlier than expected due to potential complications with her pregnancy. Pray for safe travels, and for a safe healthy remainder of her pregnancy.

Continue to pray God will raise up ministry partners for the families on their way. 3 of the 5 families are still in need of support

We would appreciate you all continuing to pray for our kids also.

Hannah and Noah are researching the possibility of going with Christar to work with refugees. They shared some encouraging things this past week.

**Andrew and Emily are still wanting to come back to PNG to work with our school. They'd really like to come visit. But, PNG is not processing visitor visas yet. Pray that will open up.**

Caleb is praying about doing an internship with Ethnos360 Bible Institute next year. Pray that when he applies in January, he will be accepted.

News

Our big project this week is going through all the houses and making sure they have a standard set of kitchen necessities. We want to go through and replace broken and damaged things, as well as try and make things match.

As we went around and looks at the dishes that are in each house, Robin and I had to laugh. We found 3-4 plates from a set in one house, 2-3 in another house, 1-2 in another house, etc. We have concluded we need to just collect everything out of all the houses, and re-sort it all. Dishes, cups, even silverware is all the same story.

We will also be evaluating the condition of things in each house. The termites are doing a number on these houses, and the furniture too. We need to evaluate what can be fixed, and what just needs to be replaced.

We have 12 dwellings that we need to do this for. So, along with revising the curriculum, we will be working on one house a week, trying to get it more up to speed before the next group arrives in January.

We praise the Lord that we do not have to do all this alone though. The Willett family has decided to stay on for a bit longer. Unfortunately their plans for a Church Planting team fell through, so they are trusting the Lord to find “new” partners. But, what that means for us is that they will remain here to help us with all of these projects. We praise the Lord for them! They have been such a HUGE blessing.

Chris & Stefanie Hohm – 10/14/2021

Hello! What a month it's been! Stefanie and the girls spent some time in Michigan with family for most of September, had a quick trip through Indiana, and made it to Illinois to my parents' house. I arrived a few days later, and we had baby Holston a few days after that! We have been enjoying adjusting to becoming a family of 5. :)

Thank you for your prayers over the last month, as I was in a separate place than the rest of the family. It was something that we were not used to, so it was challenging, but we made it through! One of the positives that came from it was that I was able to get some extra work done for HOPAC, which set me up to be more ready to lead from afar over this extended leave.



I was able to implement a new system for testing reading levels, which is something that will improve consistency across our primary school. I used something that the previous Grade 2 teacher had used before I got there and implemented it across the primary grades that needed to do that. (Thanks, Alex for getting those resources pulled together a few years ago!)

Another big project that I worked on was also something that originated with Alex, the Grade 2 Teacher before me, and the principal at the time. They implemented a Math Facts Masters program, which encourages kids to learn their math facts throughout the year. When kids pass each level, they get a silicone bracelet. Each level has its own color. It's a really good program, and the kids get excited about working hard on their math. We met as a staff at the beginning of the year, and we decided that we wanted to be more consistent with our expectations and how each grade was doing it, as a lot of our staff was new and the expectations in each grade had shifted a little as the staff changed during the last couple years. So, I spent a good part of a weekend creating 96 math fact masters tests and a structured program that builds off of the

expectations of grade below, so that there is more consistency across the primary. I didn't like being away from my family, but I was able to get this project done because of the extra time, so that was nice.

Finally, one thing that I've done this year as the principal is to send out a weekly feedback form to my staff. They are not required to fill it out, but most of them do. It has been SO HELPFUL! I get a good read on how everyone is doing, and it gives them an opportunity to give feedback and ask for help in a nice, easy way.

As I've stated before, Assemblies are a fun part of being at HOPAC. I love seeing the kids singing and dancing, as well as participating during the lesson part of the assembly. While we are in the U.S., I scheduled out several different staff members and a local pastor to come in and lead some of the assemblies. It will be a good time for everyone!

I got the pleasure of going over to my buddy Jackson's house with one of our new missionary teachers and his family. The Pattersons came to Tanzania in August. They moved into the same apartment complex as us, so we have enjoyed being together. Aaron and I ride together to work every morning in a bajaji, which has been nice. He is the new Grade 4 teacher. Jackson is his assistant teacher, but he's been filling in as the lead teacher in Grade 1, because our teacher had not yet arrived from Nigeria. She just arrived this week though, so that's a huge answer to prayer, as we've had problems with visas and travel, but she's finally in Tanzania!

Jackson rode with me to the airport, which was really nice. We had dinner together before leaving, and then rode to the airport in the bajaji with my favorite driver, Kassim. It was nice to have the company for my final hours before leaving.

We've been soaking in the family time, and it's been great. We were able to go to the zoo the day before Holston was born, so that was a fun family outing. The girls were also excited to see me, so they dressed me all up on the first full day we had together. haha

Lots of baby snuggles here! He has had some good grandparent snuggles as well as sister snuggles. The girls have done a nice job so far with being sweet and gentle with him. Of course, there's a little jealousy with how much time he gets to spend with mom, but overall, they are doing well.



Above are a few photos from Tanzania over the last month:



Here is our tentative schedule for November. We hope to have a come-and-go get together on Nov. 20 in Winona Lake. More details will be sent later once we get that figured out.

We plan to be at Jenison Bible Church on Nov. 14 and at Christ's Covenant Church on Nov. 21. We hope to see a lot of you when we are in your town!

For the next month and a half, Stefanie and I both have temporary U.S. phone numbers. You can use these to contact us if you wish. Otherwise, email works just fine.

Chris - 574-549-3211

Stefanie - 616-425-1522

Praise Reports!

- Praise for a safe, healthy delivery of Holston!
- Praise for all of the safe travel that we have had over the last month or so.
- Praise that the girls have transitioned well back to the U.S. and also with having a baby brother.
- Praise that HOPAC's Grade 1 Teacher has arrived.

Prayer Requests!

- Please pray for continued adjustment for everyone.
- Please pray that the paperwork needed for Holston would come through on time (birth certificate, passport).
- Please pray that Chris can lead well from afar as school continues while he is in the U.S.



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October 1, 2021

Hi Friends!

Thank you very much for your support of Truth Alive Ministries! We are excited as we transition from our summer ministry to our fall activities - working with the Truth Alive Kids Club midweek program, our Verse-a-Day mail club, and our fall speaking engagements. We're thanking God for so many exciting opportunities and looking to Him to provide all that we need to accomplish the work.

*"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."*

Psalm 9:1

Love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirby Huseby", written in a cursive style.

Kirby Huseby

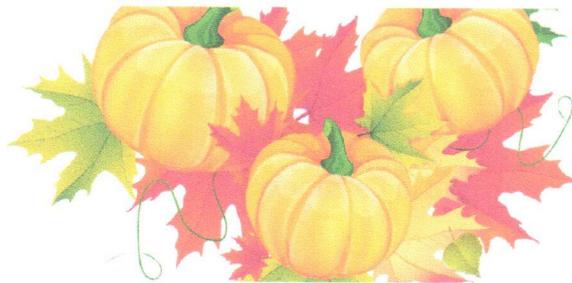
## Jordans' Prayer Requests and Praises

### October—November 2021

1. Please continue to pray for the new Bible studies that are ongoing in the village in the Philippines. They should be nearing completion. Please pray that many will be saved.
2. Thank you for praying for wisdom concerning housing for Rebekah and Abigail. Abigail has decided to join her sister in living with Ginger's parents, and Rebekah is working to make room for her. Abigail will continue to stay with us until sometime early next year.
3. Praise the Lord for all the opportunities He has given us to share about the Agutaynens in churches throughout Michigan.
4. Praise the Lord that Luke has his segment two driver's education class on October 11-13 and he is well on his way to completing the required hours of driving experience. Please pray for calm nerves for Luke as he navigates the roads, and safety as we travel.
5. Please pray with us that God would be magnified through our lives and testimony of the great things He has and continues to do.

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## **Jordans' Itinerary in Michigan for**

**October 15—November 21, 2021**

- ⇒ October 15-17 Missions Conference with Mayfair Bible Church in Flushing
- ⇒ October 24 Morning Service with Robinson Baptist Church in Grand Haven
- ⇒ October 24 Evening Service with Jenison Bible Church in Hudsonville
- ⇒ November 8 Chapel at Ethnos360 Bible Institute in Wisconsin
- ⇒ November 14 Morning Service with Colfax Community Church in Manton
- ⇒ November 21 Morning Service with Rives Baptist Church in Rives Junction

## **Abigail's Craft Fair Schedule**

If you would like to visit Abigail's booth, she will be selling her artwork at the following craft fair locations in November:

- ⇒ November 6 Jenison Christian Fall Arts & Crafts from 9 am to 2 pm in Jenison
- ⇒ November 20 Friends of the Library Holiday Craft & Vendor Show from 9:30 am to 3 pm in Caledonia

# Jordans' Adventure of Faith

Quarterly Newsletter of Stephen and Ginger Jordan

October 2021

Rebekah, Abigail, Luke, Jonathan

**News from There:** We have been able to hear news regularly from the village in the Philippines through Facebook Messenger. We are thankful for the work that is continuing to go forward, and pray for those who have not been faithful in our absence. Since we've been in the States, **two new evangelistic home Bible studies have begun.** We are excited for these open doors, and the willingness of the believers to initiate these on their own. Please pray that more would come to know Jesus as their Savior! Also, the **Girls' Bible Study** is flourishing. They had a one-year anniversary recently, and sent us pictures of their celebration. Kids' Bible Club was scheduled to start a new year in September, but they delayed their start due to lack of volunteers to teach. Now they have decided to have **Kids' Bible Club** meet at the church this year. Please pray that the children will come faithfully to Kids' Bible Club, that the teachers would be faithful to teach God's Word clearly, and that many would come to know Jesus as their Savior.



**Sad News from There:** We recently learned that **Aiza**, the winner of the MVP trophy in our Sports Bible Camp in 2019, just took her own life. Apparently, she had been struggling for some time, and her cousin and friends who are believers had been trying to talk with her and get her to open up with them. She had many opportunities to hear the Gospel through youth group, Sports Bible Camp, and her friends and family who are saved, but as far as we know she never chose to trust in Jesus as her Savior. So sad. Please be praying for her parents and brothers who still don't know Jesus, that they would seek the hope that they can have in Jesus and choose to trust Him as their Savior. And please pray for wisdom for the believers as they try to show Jesus' love to this hurting family.



**News from Here:** Our time in the States is always full, and we are so thankful to be here. We always have a list of things to do that we can only do here: some fun memories to create, some steps for our children as they grow toward adulthood, churches and supporters to visit, and things to do and purchase in preparation for our return to the Philippines. We are making progress steadily on our list, and we have been enjoying visiting with many of you who are in Michigan. Some updates and memories for our



Ginger and Luke sharing in music at a recent church



children are: **Rebekah** is working full time, she enjoys creating “Escape Rooms” for the youth group and others, and is planning to return to college in January. We were able to purchase a used car for **Abigail**, she continues to draw and work to develop her art business, and she has decided where she will live when we return to the Philippines. **Luke** took segments one and two of driver’s training, he has



visited two colleges and plans to visit one more in November, and he has joined a basketball team. **Jonathan** is learning how to play the bass guitar, is enjoying youth group, had a great time attending a Christian concert with the youth group



Abigail’s latest drawings



recently, and hears from his friend Eljay in the village frequently. The next memory we plan to make is going apple picking and trying to navigate a corn maze. Thank you for your



prayer for us as time continues to fly by! We still hope to be able to return to the Philippines in May 2022.

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