

MISSIONS TO KIRIBATI



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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God's faithfulness has been so evident to us and the ministry in Kiribati over the past several months. We know you have been praying for our family, for Tarawa Baptist Church, and for the ministry God has called us to. Thank you very much. We have daily been reminded of Lamentations 3:22-23 *"It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."*

In July, my brother Josh and his wife Frances arrived in Kiribati to fill in for us during our absence due to our children's medical needs. God has faithfully been caring and providing for them as they took this step of faith. Shortly after arriving, they found out they are expecting their first child. Please be in prayer for Frances and the baby. They have been faithfully serving at Tarawa Baptist Church. We are thankful for their willingness to serve the Lord in Kiribati during this time. Jerry and Denise Smith, who filled in for us during our last furlough in 2016, also returned to visit the church members between assignments. They spent a month in Kiribati and our people were thrilled to see them again. Please pray for them as they continue to fill-in for missionaries and serve our Heavenly Father.

Tarawa Baptist Church continues to grow in grace and numbers as people continue to come to Christ. God has been so faithful to build His church in this small country. Two weeks before I returned to the states, the lease for our church land was finalized. We have prayed for land for over four years and God provided! We are so thankful and pray that Tarawa Baptist Church will have a permanent church home in the near future. Our land is a low lying area of the island that floods easily. It has been used for growing crops that need to be grown in marshy areas. We need to fill this land before we can begin building. The only way to fill our land is to purchase land-fill dredged from the ocean and brought to shore. This cost is about \$300.00 a truck load or \$2.00 per 50lb bag. We are estimating it will take 35 truck loads to fill the land. If God leads you to give towards this need, you may send it in care of BIM I designated to Kiribati Church Land #1390. Whether a truck load for \$300.00 or a bag for \$2.00, God can use it all.

Thank you for your prayers for our children. God is so faithful. Adleyann continues to be treated and closely monitored. She was diagnosed with Auto-Immune Hypo-Thyroidism and Insulin Resistance. Her medication was changed twice, but they have now regulated her thyroid function. We are praying it will stay in the normal range. Bennett seems to be doing much better now that we have been treating his asthma for over two months. It is wonderful to see him play and behave like a normal 5 year old. We covet your prayers as we plan and prepare to return to Kiribati on the 19th of November.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. Thank you also for the special gifts toward medical expenses and for giving to help Josh and Frances as well. God has faithfully provided through you, and we want to say thank you! May God continue to bless each of you and the ministries where you serve.

With Hearts on the Equator,
Joel, Brooke, Daniel, Adelynn, and Bennett Daku



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