



The Daku Family

On a Missionary Journey

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Dear praying friends and family,

We would like to share with you how God is answering your prayers. God has been at work here in Kiribati, and we are just excited to be a part of it!

Arriving in Kiribati

We arrived here on the equator July 2, and were able to spend a week with Joel and Daniel before they headed back to America to be with their family. We were very thankful for that week, as we were able to learn much about living here on the island and working in the ministry that we would have had to learn from trial and error otherwise. We are thankful to report that the health of Adelynn and Bennett is improving; Joel and Brooke, along with the rest of the family, will be returning as planned in November. Please continue to pray for Adelynn and Bennett as they adjust to the medications and new diets for their health needs.

Family News

Soon after arriving in Kiribati, we found out the exciting news that Frances is expecting our first baby! She and the baby are doing well, and we look forward to meeting our little one sometime in March, Lord willing, when Frances gives birth in Pennsylvania. Pray for strength for Frances as she is currently struggling mainly with fatigue.

Ministry Highlights

During our time here, we have seen many souls come to know Christ as their Savior. Thank God for the youth of Tarawa Baptist Church; they have played a huge role in seeing these souls saved. Each Friday, we have a youth night where we play games, sing songs, have a challenge from the Scriptures, and have a time of food and fellowship. The teens have been phenomenal about bringing visitors with them to the youth meetings! One particular youth night stands out among the rest: we had twenty-four teenagers in attendance, eight of which were visitors - each one prayed to receive Christ as his Savior before the night was over. Praise the Lord!

Saturday soul-winning has proved fruitful as well. Just last Saturday, September 22, we hit the streets of a downtown area. We were equipped with several boxes of John and Romans. We were surprised as we pulled into town that there were so few people around on a Saturday afternoon. This proved to be a blessing, however. So often we are focused on *quantity* - get out as many John and Romans as we can! But this particular day, we could be focused on *quality*. Instead of handing out the John and Romans and emptying our boxes in an hour, we handed them out slowly and talked to those that would listen. At least four adults trusted Christ that afternoon, and several children also heard the gospel and prayed. We are thankful that the people of Kiribati are willing to listen to the Gospel and believe the simple truth that God died and paid for our sins so that we do not have to! Please pray for those that have trusted Christ to come to church and grow in Christ.

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Teen Camp in Fiji

As part of our work of filling in for Joel and Brooke, we made a trip to Fiji to help with the annual Baptist Teen Camp. The theme of camp this year was, "God is Greater," taken from 1 John 4:4. I was able to preach at camp three times, and Frances helped with the split sessions and counseling. Twenty-four professions of faith were made at camp and many other decisions were made for the Lord. Praise God for those! Please pray for the youth of Fiji as they are often faced with cultural challenges that challenge their spiritual decisions.

Life on the Mission Field

Adjusting to a new culture always has its memorable moments! One memory in particular stands out above the rest - almost getting tail-ended by a driverless 15-passenger van. We had gone down the road a ways from our house in order to get better internet reception to make some phone calls. As we sat on the side of the road, we suddenly noticed a large van swiftly passing us to the right, just *barely* missing us! Soon after the van went by, the driver followed on foot chasing after the van. He climbed aboard, casting a big smile at us, and continued on his way. Thank the Lord for his protection, as well as those that pray for us!

Tarawa Baptist Church

Please pray for Tarawa Baptist Church as they seek for the Lord's provision for a church building. They already have land, but this land is in a low-lying part of the island that floods easily. As a result, they will need to purchase land-fill and fill in the area before they can build. Please pray for this great need.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." We will be forever grateful for this opportunity to serve Christ in Kiribati. God has truly worked exceedingly abundantly above all that we could have imagined - in our own lives and in the lives of others here. Thank you all for your prayers and financial support. May God bless you for being a part of this ministry.

In His happy service,

Joshua and Frances Daku

Prayer request summary:

- Adelynn and Bennett - health
- Spiritual growth for new believers
- Youth of Fiji to be strong in their camp decisions
- Frances and baby
- Tarawa Baptist Church's land and building project



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