

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

December, 2020

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of both our family and the ministry in Kiribati. The borders of Kiribati remain closed; however, the ministry in Kiribati continues to move forward for the Lord. This is a great blessing to our hearts, and the church in Kiribati is grateful for your faithful support which enables the work God has started to continue. This year has been uncertain for all of us, yet I hope you can say along with us that the Lord has been faithful!

God has been teaching us so much over the past several months. James chapter four has especially challenged my heart. In verses thirteen and fourteen the Bible states, "Go to now, ye say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." We know not what the future holds but praise the Lord we know who holds the future. God has continuously directed our steps in the last twelve years of ministry, and we are grateful to still see His hand at work in our lives and the ministry to which He has called us. The following verse says, "For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that." I have been convinced that I must strive to live each day in the will of God. I cannot boast of the future, but I can serve the Lord today and walk in His will.

During this time, we are unable to return to the Pacific due to restrictions the Government has in place due to Covid-19; however, God has directed our family to press forward in our service for Him. He has opened the door for us to serve Him in the Pacific Northwest. We know not what the future holds, but for the present time we know this is the will of God. This does not mean that our ministry in Kiribati is ending. Your faithful support continues to support the ministry of Tarawa Baptist Church and its many outreaches. We will remain actively involved in the ministry by encouraging and training of nationals in Kiribati from afar. We believe that the Lord will open the doors when it is His will to do so.

God has placed a burden on our hearts for the unreached places of our world. This is what first directed our attention to Kiribati, which had no Gospel preaching church of any kind. While assisting at The Passage Northwest this summer, our eyes effected our hearts. We realized that right here in our own country lies a region vastly unreached with the Gospel of Christ. God has opened the door during this time for us to work with Pastor Clarence Sexton at The Passage Northwest. At this facility, students will be trained for the ministry. It will serve as a Gospel launching pad into the Northwest and beyond. We will be actively involved in evangelism, encouraging, and assisting churches across the region, and training young people for the service of the Lord. We believe this is what the Lord wills during this time, and we are excited to serve the Lord presently both in the Northwest and abroad.



We do ask that you continue to pray that God would open the doors to the islands. We are excited to announce that Bearing Precious Seed in Milford, Ohio is presently working on printing the Kiribati Bible. Thank you for being a part of this project through prayer and giving. God has provided in a miraculous way and we are excited to see His Word go forth to these islands. Will you pray that the printing and shipping of these Bibles will go forward without any complications. Please pray with us that the Lord would open the doors, according to His will, to assist the members of Tarawa Baptist Church in distributing God's Word to their people.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support. We are grateful to partner with you in reaching the world with the Gospel of Christ. May we live for the Gospel's sake and may God's name be glorified!

In Christ,

Joel, Brooke, Daniel, Adelynn, and Bennett



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(Left) Bearing Precious Seed of Milford is printing the pages of the Kiribati Bible. (Right) The actual pages that are being printed. That is Exodus 34.

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