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Many of you are wondering what the **latest NEWS** is with our travel plans...W-E-L-L ...

Once again, our departure date has arrived, yesterday was the day, and yet, here we are, **still camping out with PLAN ‘B’**... Which means what exactly?

For the time being, **we are still prayerful and hopeful** that we will be able to fly out sometime this week. Each morning we, along with several others, are waiting for an e-mail saying that we got the necessary document that will permit us entry into Papua New Guinea.



We have received a bit of encouraging news from the Field informing us that ***the hold up on paperwork is NOT due to opposition to allowing missionaries to return*** but rather is due to the head official who needs to sign the documents being ill the past few weeks.

**\*PLEASE PRAY for his full and safe recovery.**

We've heard that 1 document has been received for one of our co-workers the end of last week and was a first in 21 days. This gives us a bit of hope that ours will be coming shortly ***as the Lord WILLS and ALLOWS!***



### ***OUR GIFT of TIME*** has given us some special ***FAMILY TOGETHERNESS***

***MOMENTS*** with ***both extended and immediate family members!*** We were ***GIFTED*** with time to spend together ***just the 6 of us*** being able to take advantage of a ***Family Retreat Weekend at Cran Hill Ranch near Big Rapids, MI.*** We found time to play; Corn Hole, Ladder Ball, Candy Land, Checkers, Pool, Foosball, Carpet Ball, Disc Golf, swimming, kayaking, fishing, paddle boarding, building a huge sandcastle, riding horses, target sports, high ropes course and zip-line, ***and celebrating our precious girl's 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday!*** ***Thank You Wakeshma Church Family for this generous GIFT of TIME!***



We have a ***NEW DEADLINE...*** With current quarantine restrictions ***we HAVE to be in the AIR by AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup> and ON THE GROUND in PNG by AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup> in order for our children to be able to attend the mission's school this semester.*** Otherwise, we will have to seek alternative educational options

for them through January. For ***which we are NOT prepared*** since our resources are predominantly overseas in the village and we had made the decision to have them enrolled in the school for at least this school year. (This is part of ***PLAN C*** that we may have to look into should our departure date get pushed back beyond the 6<sup>th</sup>.)

***PLEASE PRAY:***



\*Please continue to ***PRAY for us to wait upon the LORD*** for HIS leading, HIS timing, HIS will to be done in our lives.

\*Please continue to ***PRAY for the emotions*** that continue to creep up with the waiting and being in this “Yo-Yo” pattern. That we would be faithful with our attitudes as we try to “take captive every thought...”

\*Please ***PRAY for our children*** as this continual stage of uncertainty does impact them also. They may be resilient but this should not be thought to minimize that they are also going through so many MAJOR transitions and insecurities and the toll of stress that has on them.

\*Please ***PRAY for our co-workers*** overseas that are working so hard to try to aid in getting so many of us back to the field.

\*Please ***PRAY for the other families***, couples, and individuals that are in the same position as we are, ***WAITING*** to be able to return.

\*Please ***PRAY for our IMMEDIATE & EXTENDED FAMILY*** as they count the COST each time they obediently SEND US back to the foreign field. Often times we think to pray for our missionaries, but may I encourage each of you to also remember the many family members--grandparents, parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews that also make the sacrifice; just like those in the Armed Forces. Some of these farewells become permanent with losses during the time apart. (Just keeping it real to bring perspective with your prayers, these are some of the layers of emotions/grief that we have to walk through each and every time we return to where we believe God has SENT us- It IS WORTH IT, Because HE IS WORTH IT. BUT, IT IS DEEPLY EMOTIONAL and IMPACTING for all involved.)

**THANK YOU for STANDING WITH US in Prayer, Love, Encouragement, and Support!**

IN HIS grip,

Levi and Robyn, Michael, Daniel, Matthew, & Krystiana LENZ

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