

TREES ON THE RIVERBANK

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." Jer 17:7-8

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Who is Commission To Every Nation (CTEN)?

We are excited to announce that we have joined the organization of Commission To Every Nation (CTEN).



CTEN is a servant organization which helps missionaries fulfill the unique vision God has given them.

Through administrative support they provide accountability and help the missionary get to the field.

Through pastoral care they help the missionary remain effective and healthy while there.

A New Way to Give

As part of our transition to Ecuador, we will be switching mission organizations from Reach Beyond to Commission To Every Nation. Monthly support can now be sent to:

Commission To Every Nation
P.O. Box 291307
Kerrville, TX 78029-1307

Secure online donations made at:
www.cten.org/natedell
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A Phone Call

In April Nate was in Bangladesh helping Reach Beyond with logistics for a medical team to the Rohingya refugees—currently the largest refugee camp in the world. While he was gone, the Waorani called me (Rachelle). They call every four to six months. It was a group of six very dear believers who have been a part of my life since I was a toddler. Their message was no different this time than the dozens of times various Waorani friends have called in the past 17 years. "Kigi [my name in Waorani], are you living well? Kigi, we miss you. Kigi, if God says 'Yes,' will you come back and live with us?" My answers were not any different this time. "Yes, I'm living well(healthy), I cry for you(I miss you) and yes, if God says yes, we will come back." But this time I heard the Lord's voice calling through them. As I hung up I heard, "It's time." And then saw a picture of the Jordan being parted as we stepped into it...

The next month, Natalia's health and energy deteriorated to where we were fearful we could lose her.

What will you be doing?

We will be working under the Waorani church. We will again be living alongside them. They are making plans, deciding where we should live, who will build us a home, etc.

In a recent phone conversation, Oma (pictured on first page) told my dad that it is very dark there and they are very concerned about the unbelievers. A few days later a Waorani friend's daughter took her own life leaving her father wanting to die as well. CENTA, an Ecuadorean educational foundation which is run by our friends, Chet and Katie Williams, has been recently started to provide a place for the indigenous as a training center. We will join the Williams in helping the Waorani learn trade and job skills, and be encouraged in their faith through intercultural interaction.

Intercession

We need a lot of prayer warriors holding us up in this time of transition and uncertainty. We have felt our soul-fire rekindled as we have started making decisions moving toward Ecuador again. And we have run into more obstacles. This move is more important to us and closer to our hearts than where we have been the past few years; the Waorani are our home, passion, and people.

"When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action."

Matt. 18:19 (The Message)

But we didn't. And now, by grace, amidst many ups and downs she's entering into greater health. The future can look bleak at times, but she has great conviction that she will learn to "fly with the wings God has given me."

The passion and love for the people there has never, ever left us...

So, we are moving ahead towards returning overseas to Ecuador to continue what He began in us there. We do not have all of the answers. We have no promise that I won't get sick again, that all will be well. That is where we claim Psalm 27:13, "Yet I am confident that I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living." It will look different than our picture of goodness. The past 17 years have taught me how different His "good" looks from mine.

Thank you for walking with us through the years. The road is so much brighter with your fellowship along the way.

We love you,

Nate, Rachelle and Natalia



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