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Luther and Martha Smith

Missionaries to Papua New Guinea

During this past Christmas and New Year Season, we were continually made to be thankful for God's watch care over us. How precious is the promise, "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." Psalm 121:4. Yes, as we look back through last year, we can see His hand guiding and providing in all ways.

We also wanted to take this time in thanking you for the blessings of cards, and special gifts that came in for Christmas this past year! Thank you for your love to us, your missionaries! We pray you are enjoying the blessings of God and are looking forward to renewal of service in this New Year, 2018!

We are rejoicing in the progress Martha has made with her wrist, which was broken on October 1. The bone has completely healed, and she is continuing in physical therapy working on mobility and strengthening of her wrist, which is about 65% at this time. Thank you for your continued prayers for her healing.

Because of Martha's injury, our return to PNG was delayed while she healed. We are now processing our tickets and will be leaving the States on February 26 and arriving in Brisbane, Australia on the 28th. Please pray that the rest of tickets can be finalized into PNG for our return flight, connecting with the tickets already issued. We know God has a plan for even this.

My heart still lies in establishing more churches in the surrounding areas of Morobe Province. We appreciate your prayers for funds to purchase a newer vehicle for the rough terrain in these areas. So many of you have already helped toward this special project and as of today we have 80% of what we need to make this happen! We know the Lord will supply this need, and we are thankful for those who have given and are praying others will also share in this need. Please PRAY the remaining \$8,000 can be met by our return to PNG in March 2018! Pray also that God will prepare for us just the vehicle He wants us to purchase.

May God continue to bless all of us in 2018, as we continue to serve Him together!

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Received: \$ 335⁰⁰ November \$ 335⁰⁰ December Special \$ 335⁰⁰ for Christmas
\$ 500⁰⁰ for Vehicle
~ Thank You!