Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty with which
Christ hath made us free...

Galatians 5:1

September 2009

Dear Friends and Family,

September – some places it is getting cooler, or will be before long. Then there is Florida which is hot, muggy, rainy, sticky – sort of like the jungle, but a little more civilized, except that it is still hurricane season!

Our prayer is that this letter finds you doing well. We echo the wonderful words of Paul that are found in Ephesians 3:14-21.

We are grateful for your prayers and support of our ministry with New Tribes Mission. Your support is greatly appreciated – thank you!

In previous letters this year, we have asked you to pray for us regarding the big decisions we were facing. The Lord has answered and given us and the other members of the New Tribes Mission Medical Plan Committee unity in choosing *Blue Cross/Blue Shield* as the PPO Network, beginning January 1, 2010. This has been an important decision to make as it affects all of our members and their families. We considered several companies, even traveling to other states with our committee to see and hear what would be the best company for our overseas missionaries and in the U.S. (missionaries on furlough, HQ, etc.) for deep discounts, repricing and administration services. We are in the process of revising the 2010 NTM Medical Plan Policy, and developing several communiqués to our members. We would greatly appreciate your prayers – for the Lord's daily wisdom and strength.

The NTM Medical Plan is an integral part of the evangelism and church-planting outreach. The purpose of the NTM Medical Plan is to furnish the best possible worldwide medical coverage to all members at an affordable price. We are grateful for the part the Lord has given all of us in this ministry.

We have enclosed a challenging testimony, written by Minyung, a believer from the Panare tribe, located in Venezuela, South America. What an encouragement to "keep on keeping on" in the Lord's work in reaching others for the Lord Jesus Christ throughout this needy world. Minyung closes his challenge with these words, "We all have a job to do, and we all need to do our part." We thank you for being part of the team of those taking the Gospel to the *regions beyond*.

Thank you once again for your prayers and support.

All because we serve a Living Savior,

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We Can't Do This Alone

by Minyung, an elder in the Panare church, Venezuela

Why don't we go?

I thought about that after I read Mark 16:15 today: *"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."*

God gave His Son to die for us. He sent His Son, so we could be His children. He did that because He loves us. When we don't love people, we don't go teach them. We don't go tell them God's Word maybe because we don't really love them. That's why.

And when we go, we can't just go for one day. We can't teach people that way. We need to go and stay for a while, for a whole month, for several months, maybe for a whole year, and teach people. We need to teach thoroughly.

It's like building a house. You can't build a house in one day that will last. It takes time, and it has to be done right. It's the same way with teaching God's Word. We need to teach more than once. People need to hear what we say.

Then it takes time even after they hear the Word, for it to enter their hearts. People want to hear it a lot, and let it enter their hearts. If you don't do it like that, it won't last.

We can't do it by ourselves either. One person can't do the job. There are lots of people who need teaching. One person can't go everywhere. We can't split ourselves in two and half of us go one place and the other half another place. That's why it takes a lot of people.

That's why when God said, "You go and teach," He didn't use a singular "you." He used a plural. He said, "You all go and teach." We all have a job to do, and we all need to do our part.

Enclosed with John & Linda McGhee's September 2009 prayer letter