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Dear Praying Friends and Family,

We are very thankful to the Lord for each of you who have faithfully prayed for us and for those who have sent us kind and generous gift of support each month. Be assured of our sincere appreciation for the vital part that you play in our ministry with New Tribes Mission.

It sounds like you are having a very cold and stormy winter this year. Our weather has been quite mild here in Florida, although the temperature went down to 27 degrees last night. We had to put old blankets and sheets on the flowers and shrubs around the house.

Well, now to tell you how things have been here:

Right now we are working on a special project with the Personnel Department of NTM (New Tribes Mission) to do with the Medical Plan. We have been going over Policy and issues which are vital to all of our missionaries. We would appreciate your prayers for wisdom as we, as well as our various committees need to make some decisions regarding this project. Thank you so very much.

Our family is well, although this past week was also filled with some consternation with our son David's humanities classes this term. As it is/was, he was inundated with ever so much homework, and unable to continue on with that particular course of humanities which met two mornings a week, besides his Cisco Networking Courses as well as Novell courses that he is currently taking. David was kind of in a quandary as to what to do, so he has now dropped the humanities classes, and is a much happier "camper" and so are we. It was a difficult decision to make, mainly because he would have been awarded his Associate Degree in Cisco...this May 2005. However, if he takes the necessary requirement, even if it is an entirely different course in the fall term, he will have earned two Associate Degrees. We did have to go through much "red tape" to get this cleared up, as he was 10+ hours after the "grace period" to drop the course. We spent the entire morning, Thursday, at the college (a part of UCF -- University of Central Florida) to talk to the necessary folks in various departments to get this cleared up. Thanks for praying for the boys too which we know you do!

Thank you again for your love, prayers, and kind and generous gifts to us in this ministry. We consider it a real privilege to be laborers together with you – with God. How remarkable that God uses all of us to get His work done here on this earth! We appreciate you more than you know! You are very special to all of us, and we all send our greetings to you, and to your dear family. These are indeed troubling days in which we find ourselves. Many times, we find ourselves thinking that the Lord will be coming soon.

Take care, and keep warm. Again, thank you so very much for all you do for us. We truly are grateful to you, and thank the Lord for you.

With much love,

*John & Linda McGhee & family*