

*The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the Word
of our God shall stand forever!*

Isaiah 40:8

October 2005

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings from Sanford, Florida, where we continue to serve with New Tribes Mission. We really do appreciate those who faithfully pray for us as well as for those who send us gifts of support, enabling us to continue on in this ministry in the Medical Plan office of NTM. Please continue to pray for our monthly provision as we have had many bills, insurances and taxes, etc. to pay this month. We truly do thank God for you. **You are a real part of this ministry as well.**

Lately, we've been thinking of how the Lord is working and using our lives. Today we have a burden to let you in on a bit of all that is happening on a day to day basis. Both John and I are heavily investing our lives in people, showing them Christ's love. This is true at our New Tribes Medical Office where we receive many calls, and people need to talk. They seek advice about their conditions, and want to know which doctor we can recommend, or if we have any information about a certain condition or procedure, etc. Is there a surgery center that they can go to, or should they go to the hospital? (There is a Medical Policy Booklet printed each year for every member of the Medical Plan.) However, it is basic information, and not that personal touch! We feel very privileged as people feel they can talk to us, and work out relationships and problems that they have encountered.

Recently, we had a black family over to our home for an evening. It was after Katrina, and before Rita! We had a great time with them. They have visited at the church where we attend, several times, and they are aware they have a need. It's a real privilege to help these folks. I became acquainted with Andrea several years ago right here in Sanford.

Life is very full. Taking time with people is challenging, but it is a real joy to help others. We also find it is time-consuming.

I have often told our son, Tim, who lives in Washington, D.C., that we are busy all the time. When he was here last month for a week's visit, he could see that we're not just "busy" as in running errands, laundry, meals, etc. We have much more going on! Just in September, we have had missionaries call us in the middle of the night to see if they have medical

coverage! That was a surprise, but we found out that they are new missionaries, and had mailed their medical application to the wrong FAX machine, and we never received it. Their boy was on the border of having an appendicitis attack, and needed help quickly. Others have called us at home regarding their Medical Emergency Evacuation Insurance from the field, which is done by our office.

We would like to thank you for your prayers for us as we train a new lady (Reta) in our office; help in relying on the Lord for wisdom in our work and friendships, and as we answer the phone calls, giving advice and showing compassion in just the right way.

Thank you for praying as we take time each day with our young sons who are really men now! They are still attending college, working, and need guidance and friendship as well. We are so blessed that both Jeffrey and David know the Lord, and are very close brothers. It's really neat that the Lord blessed us with two more children after we were married.

It is such a joy to have Sarah and her family living so close to us here in Sanford. Kayla turns 3 this month.

Tim just started a new job up in Washington, D.C. in September, right after he was here in Florida for a week. We are praying for him – that he will enjoy this new work. He still loves doing web pages for various Christian organizations, and some others as well, which all takes time. He needs the Lord's wisdom too.

We are encouraged to hear of tribal people coming to know the Lord. It makes it all worth while to be in this work and ministry.

Again, **thank you for praying and being such a blessing and encouragement to us.**

We trust you have a blessed Autumn!

With much love,

John & Linda (McGhee)