

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.*

Psalm 46:1

September 1, 2007

Dear Friends and Family,

We hope that this letter finds you doing well and that you have had a wonderful summer.

We chose the above verse as a reminder and encouragement that it is our God who is our constant refuge and strength, the One who is our help when we face troubles, over which that we have no control. Hardly a day goes by when we don't see images on our TV of deadly, devastating floods, news of raging wild fires that threaten lives and property, destructive tornadoes and hurricanes, as well as other terrible natural disasters across our land. In Psalm 46:2 & 3 we read:

*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed,
and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the
mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.*

What a wonderful blessing to personally know the One who delivers us from all of our fears and who promises to be with us when terrible, natural events happen to us and to our loved ones, over which we have no control.

It is with much appreciation to you, and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father, that we thank you for your support. You are always such a wonderful blessing and help to us. Without the support of friends like you, we could not continue to remain in this ministry with New Tribes Mission of taking the Gospel to tribal people around the world. Thank you again for all you do for us.

We were encouraged when our new co-worker and his family moved to Sanford the first week of August. We expected them to have arrived in June, but this did not work out for them. Now each day we are busy teaching him about the NTM Medical Plan, the Life Insurance and the Medical Emergency Evacuation Insurance. His comment to us the other day: "There sure are a lot of details to learn!" He has to learn the very basic elements of working in the Medical Plan office. This includes terminology used, the ins and outs of the policy and benefits, what is an EOB (Explanation of Benefits) and how to explain these to a confused missionary, what to say and how to answer medical providers on the telephone, answering many other questions from members, etc. & etc.

We are also facing the updating/revision of the 2008 Medical Plan's Policy, which will need to be printed in December. For several weeks, we have been looking into another PPO Network of medical providers here in the USA. The Network that we are considering will give our Medical Plan much larger discounts than the one that we are presently using, without too much disruption to our members. Spiraling medical costs have resulted in our Plan paying out far more in medical expenses this year than has come in to the Plan through monthly premiums. It is of utmost importance that we reverse this trend in order to keep the NTM Medical Plan financially "healthy." The Annual Enrollment for the NTM Medical Plan and Life Insurance must also be completed before January 1st. So as you can see, we are facing a very busy time during the next 4 months and your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Once again, thank you for your gifts and for your faithful prayers.

Joyfully in His service, as co-laborers together with you,

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