

KNAPP NEWS

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Ethnos360 News

MOZAMBIQUE: The last 18 months have definitely affected how many of our missionaries continue with reaching tribal people with the message of God's love and salvation. Missionaries in Mozambique write that they have needed to make "teaching videos" to be shown in many remote areas due to travel restrictions. Others have indicated that they have had to rely more on the village believers to teach each others how to read. Then, of course, there are the normal human conflicts that arise in village dwellers that the missionaries are often asked to help solve.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WYZNV5p6IA>

THE NEED IS GREAT: The current list of needs for help Ethnos360 has published has 71 skills/jobs on it. Do YOU know someone who could help? <https://ethnos360.org/find-your-fit>

MY heart and focus: I am continually in prayer that God will protect the new missionaries. Their challenges are different when I first joined the mission. But the obstacles they face are often greater. Presently, I continue to share about the mission at every opportunity and pursue stewardship relationships. May God bring the increase.

Rearview Mirror *Snapshots* (pre-Christmas Timesaver)

2020 January: News of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic hits national news.

February: Ministry travel plans scuttled because public meetings were canceled. First great-grandson born. Oaklin Will Schiffner. Joy!

March: LaNay's (Crystal's special needs sister) apartment complex goes on "lock down." So, she packs up to live with us for four+ weeks.

April: LaNay's caregiver suddenly resigns and Crystal became her full-time helper.

But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:8

May: The caregiver agency for LaNay tells us that many of their employees have resigned. Would Crystal be willing to be hired as LaNay's support personnel? Blink. Yes! Then Crystal's 92-year-old Aunt Evelyn in California lets us know she thinks it is time to move to Arizona to be near us.

June: 5-5-5 For about 5 weeks, we traveled between Mesa and San Clemente, CA, every 5 days for 5 days of work. We readied Aunt Evelyn's townhome for sale, listed it with a realtor and moved all her belongings to a storage unit in Mesa. Nevertheless, we managed a brief visit in the Midwest to see some of our kids and grandkids. Sweet! Maximised a lengthy layover by meeting with a potential large donor for Ethnos360.

July: Aunt Evelyn moved into our spare bedroom while her CA house entertained the looky-loos. Meanwhile we shopped for a place for

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her near us. Crystal starts to clue into the increasing need of providing assistance.

August: An offer for the California house was accepted making way to move forward on a townhome three miles away from us.

September: The California house finally closed as did the purchase of the AZ townhome. The move in process began. Normal enough, but the previous owner left it fully furnished.... We were asked by our church to write* how their Special Ministries helped LaNay during the lockdown for their Annual Report.

*read it at: www.blogs.ethnos360.org/davidknapp



October: Aunt Evelyn's level of care increased to the point we hired in-home helpers for 12-hour day shifts. Despite Crystal caring for both LaNay and Aunt Evelyn, *Reach UP* goes to print.



The pandemic caused great concern for many small ministries. We are thrilled to report that donations last year for *Reach UP* Magazine increased instead of declined. We took the leap to expand RU's visibility by joining the EPA (Evangelical Press Association) and Citygate (formerly known as Assoc. of Rescue Missions) Network. Check out the latest issues at: <https://www.reachupmag.org/>

November: The week of Thanksgiving LaNay contracts the covid virus, so we moved her back into our spare bedroom. Within a couple of days both Crystal and David are battling the illness as well.

December: All three of us were sick for about three weeks. December 9 Aunt Evelyn falls while at a doctor's visit and breaks her leg in two places. She is in the hospital for a week and then moved into skilled nursing. LaNay is able to move back to her apartment before Christmas.

2021 January: Aunt Evelyn slow healing process necessitates several moves to different facilities. Plus the medical professionals notice her decline in memory. Disappointed that the expected large gift for Ethnos is put off.

February: At a checkup appointment, Aunt Evelyn passes out and is rushed back to the hospital for another 5-day stay.

March: The rehab location kindly, but adamantly suggests that we must find a "more permanent"

facility for Aunt Evelyn.

April: We were able to move her into a beautiful care home that would allow us to visit as long as we maintain regular covid tests. Crystal and LaNay's step-mother loses her battle with cancer.

May: We discuss the decision to list our home for sale to capitalize on the current market value and rent Aunt Evelyn's empty townhome. We find time to work on the soon-to-be-released grief journal.

June: We were blessed to travel to the celebrations of two of our grandkids' high school graduations. David spoke for a men's conference while at the Ethnos360 missionary training center. We pulled the plug and put our house up for sale upon arrival home. In the blazing Arizona heat we move most of Aunt Evelyn's belongings back into storage and as much of our belongings as possible into the townhome. A big shout-out to our nearby fellow missionary for helping in a big way.

July: Our house sold and closed August 13.

Our new address:

11069 E Kilarea Ave. Unit 139
Mesa, AZ 85209

THANKS!

Your prayers and interest in our ministries are greatly appreciated. We hope for and anticipate more ministry opportunities in the next 18 months. One thing we learned in the last year-and-a-half was God's ordained timing — even when things were difficult. Watch and pray with us. Send us your updates and prayer requests. We'd love to hear from you.

Because of His love,

David & Crystal Knapp

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