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## Dear Praying Friends,

Thanks to all who replied after our last newsletter; we loved hearing from each one of you! And since you have been praying for us, we wanted to get you a brief update.

Samuel's knee surgery went smoothly. He has begun the nine-month process of regaining full use of his right leg.

Thanksgiving was a special time in Michigan with Andrea's mom and all four of our kids together. Both the girls' boyfriends were also there as we met one of their families for the first time.



One of our monthly expenses was a large dental bill we had been slowly "whittling away at." We were amazed when someone paid off the balance for us—one of many things to be thankful for!

Like most of you, we are in the midst of Christmas decorating and special events. Yesterday the childcare department spent an hour together away from the kids. I (Andrea) am not very good at "going deeper" with people, so I always appreciate the other staff ladies who work together pouring into our intern's lives.

Ken and a couple other guys are taking turns running the maintenance department for six weeks; this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row a plumbing emergency has made his birthday memorable LOL! (The department head and his family are traveling to visit relatives for the holidays and also update supporters in January.)

We asked you to pray for a series of evangelistic teaching lessons among the Uriai people, and for the family serving solo among them. Several individuals have understood their need of a Savior and that God is the only one that can take care of their "sin-debt." Another praise is that Lisa Kappeler, their long-time coworker and primary Bible translator, has rejoined them after a two-year absence.

And remember the Bible college students in your prayers. Many pay their way by working as school bus drivers; some have never driven in northern winters before. All are asking God whether they will take next steps toward overseas service or apply what they are learning back in their home communities.

CHRISTmas blessings,

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