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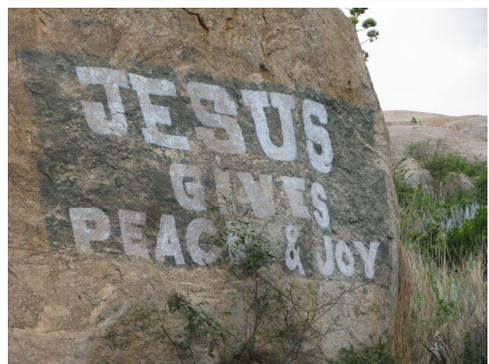
Dear Family and Friends-

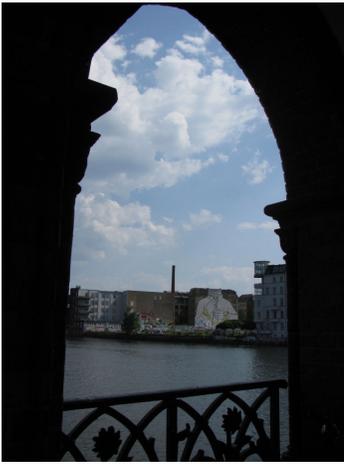
I find waiting extremely difficult. Being caught between worlds, not being able to make plans, the inconsistency, the vulnerability, the many unknowns and everything else that comes from being in limbo is challenging. Since arriving back in America at the end of January, I have had three main goals; enjoying my time of healing and rest in California, finding a new place to work and preparing for the next job, wherever that turns out to be.

It is truly amazing how much more emotionally healthy I feel after just 5 months back in the United States. For all of my friends, both old and new, to my family and my many church families, thank you for contributing to this new growth. I had a wonderful but intense last year in Papua New Guinea and I did not realize how much I was in need of a time of rest and rejuvenation. The time that I invest in people here in the US (and the time that you invest in me!) is not wasted and the returns are exponential.

Figuring out where I am going to serve next has been a little more of a challenge. I have done two multi-country trips since December and God has opened doors, shut doors, kneaded my heart, changed my mind, given me clarity on certain aspects of the decision but there is still no final answer. The pictures on the front and back of this letter are all from the different countries that I visited. Each country was amazing and unique in its own way and I am so thankful that I could visit and see firsthand what God is doing all over the world.

As of this week I have two viable, active options for future work. Both of these options have a focus on literacy with minority language groups and I would also be working closely with the church planting team already in the city. The first option is working with the Roma people in Košice, Slovakia. Working with an Aboriginal community in Perth, Australia is the second option. At this point I am pursuing both and waiting to see how God directs. Please join with me in praying for my future steps. If you are interested in hearing more about the decision process and what is involved, I would love to talk with you. Please give me a call or email me.





**The Lord has said,
 “Seek my face.”
 My heart says to you,
 “Your face Lord, do I seek.”
 Psalm 27:8**

Please Pray for:

- ◆ Patience
- ◆ Peace
- ◆ The training and assessment time in Atlanta.
- ◆ Wisdom and guidance for where to serve next.
- ◆ Wisdom and guidance for how and where to spend my time while in the US.
- ◆ The doors to be opened for future financial support.
- ◆ Open eyes to see God’s face.

My preparation for moving overseas again, begins with changing from short term to long term ministry. This process includes two more trips to Atlanta, Georgia for training and assessment. And then once the decision is clear (hopefully sooner rather than later!), I will begin the support raising process. I am currently fully supported for work in Papua New Guinea but both Slovakia and Australia are more expensive. Please be in prayer for new churches and people to come alongside and support me financially. If you are interested in having me come speak at your church and/or facilitating contact between your missions committee and me, I would love to hear from you.

Amidst all this change and uncertainty I have been trying to remain calm, pray and rest in the assurance that God is faithful and continues to be faithful. I have written before about the way that Melanesians respond affirmatively to a question. They say yes simply by raising their eyebrows. Because there is no sound involved, if you aren’t looking at someone’s face then you will miss what they are saying. A friend reminded me that this is a beautiful picture of how God can also work. At this point I am seeking an answer to a question that God already knows. Therefore, I only have to keep looking at his face and in time he will raise his eyebrows and I will know.

With a Joyful Expectant Heart-

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