

Trusting God Through Changing Plans

TRUST THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. PROVERBS 3:5

Dear Family and Friends-

I want to be in Australia. Part of my heart is already there. Every book I read, each picture and story I share about aboriginal people and every skype conversation I have with my boss, I am reminded that I am in limbo. It is hard for me to still be on this side of the Pacific, even though I recognize that this is part of the journey. I've been at 42% support for over a month now and I am working hard and praying for the last 58%. I have to trust that God's plans are greater than my own.

In July I took a support raising road-trip through the northwest. Just a couple hours into the first day a rock hit my back window. The window was completely smashed. Although it was fixed quickly, the incident seemed to set the tone for the rest of the trip. Meetings were cancelled and plans changed often but God was in it all. The best meetings were divine appointments that happened no thanks to my planning. I have to trust that God's plans are greater than my own.

I returned from my road-trip with a sore throat. At first I thought it was strep throat, nasty but treatable. Instead, I was diagnosed with mono. This is not just treated with antibiotics, instead it takes time and lots of rest. And so even in this time of waiting, I have to trust that God's plans are greater than my own.

Please pray with me as I am learning more how to trust God's plans and not my own.

In His Hands-

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Light Warlpiri

The World's Newest Language



Linguist Carmel O'Shannessy in Lajamanu with speakers of Warlpiri and Light Warlpiri. Photo from the NY times online July 16, 2013.

Language is being created in a remote village in Australia. Lajamanu is located in the Northern Territory about 550 miles south of Darwin and it is home to about 700 people. Light Warlpiri is spoken entirely by people under 35 and arose out of the influence and mixing of Warlpiri, Kriol and English. Light Warlpiri is not a creole or a dialect but a distinct language with it's own rules of grammar, new words and structures. In a world where languages are dying at an unfortunate and alarming rate, it is exciting to know that language can still be created.