

What's up, Doc?

February 2020

News from the Stouts



Susan Smith has been training to take Jeff's place later this year as clinic manager. Her husband, Todd has been working with the construction and maintenance department. On November 13, Todd was attempting to cut down a large tree, from a lift, 30 feet up. He cut into the top part of the tree with a chain saw, and as the top of the tree fell, it hit the lift and knocked it to the ground. We praise God it did not land on top of Todd but he suffered severe injury to his leg and ankle. As manager, Jeff coordinated arrangements for Todd to be flown to Australia where they did surgery to stabilize the five pieces of bone that were broken. They installed an external frame with metal rods going through the leg just below the knee. After several painful weeks he was able to leave the hospital and continue recovering at missionary housing nearby. They arrived back in

Ukarumpa on January 13, where Todd continues his rehabilitation with Kristy, our physical therapist. At the end of February, Todd and Susan will return to Australia for removal of the leg hardware. Todd may need further surgery and would appreciate prayer for a good recovery.

August 28, 2019 we welcomed the newest member of the family, Audrey Kate Gill, born to Zack and Catherine in Dallas, Texas. After three long years of struggling with infertility and seven heartbreaking miscarriages, this little girl is a very special blessing. Not only are they overjoyed and full of thanks to God but they are using their experience to help others going through similar struggles through an infertility support group at their church. Praise the Lord with us for His goodness! Please pray that Audrey will grow healthy and strong and that Catherine and Zack will be able to help and encourage others.



Upcoming New Testament Dedications

Nali (50%): March 19

Fanamaket: May 8

Vitu: June 3

Ura: July 26



This year is one of transition for us. After 26 years of serving in the clinic, God has shown us that it is time to retire from active service in PNG. We have welcomed Susan Smith and Baraka Mikanagu and they have both been training to take over our respective jobs. Even though it will be difficult to leave the place we have called home for so many years, we look forward to what God has for us as we head back to the U.S. for furlough and then retirement. We look forward to visiting supporters and churches and spending time with our children and grandchildren! Please pray for the remainder of our time here in PNG and for all that we need to do before our departure this summer. Thanks for praying!

Gratefully,

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