
Grace to Every Tribe

A prayer update from AJ & Ruth Gibson

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Dear praying friends,

Most of our time since our last prayer letter (in November) has been spent away from home. We left South Texas the last week of November and headed up through the Midwest to Iowa and then east to PA visiting friends, families, and churches along the way. We also made a brief trip (flight) to Oregon in early January to present our ministry in a church near Portland. We have had a blessed time of meeting new friends, presenting our ministry in churches, and spending time with family. The majority of our time since leaving home has been spent in Ruth's parents' home near Lancaster, PA as we raise support. Lord willing, we will begin our journey back to Texas this weekend, stopping to visit churches and friends in NC, SC, and AL.

Support Level

Although we've really just begun our support-raising process, we have seen a steady growth in the percentage of our target support level. When we moved to Los Fresnos in July our support was at just over 15%. We're now at about 32%! Praise the Lord. Also, as we've been on the road the last few weeks, we've had some good contacts and anticipate some new monthly support coming in from both individuals and churches.

Urbana

Between Christmas and the New Year I was privileged to attend **Urbana**, InterVarsity's 22nd student mission conference in St. Louis, MO. Urbana has been held every three years since 1946. This year over 16,000 (mostly) college students from all over the world attended the conference to learn about what God is doing to spread his glory among the nations of the earth. In addition to the general sessions and many seminars, a major part of Urbana is the participation of several hundred mission-related organizations who set up exhibits to interact with the students. *To Every Tribe* hosted a booth/exhibit, and I was privileged to spend most of the week speaking to young people from all over the world who are interested in missions. What an incredible and encouraging time it was to speak to so many focused, dedicated, Jesus-loving

young people about missions. God is doing an amazing work to stir up a new generation of missionary martyrs who are willing to lay down their lives for the sake of the Gospel!

Looking Ahead

We are very excited as we look ahead to what God has for us in 2010. In addition to continuing to raise support, we will continue to be heavily involved in the ministry of *To Every Tribe*. The following are some of our plans for the spring and summer:

- To do church planting work in a number of villages in northern Mexico where *To Every Tribe* has been ministering the last few years.
- In May *To Every Tribe* president, David Sitton, will be making a four-week trip to Papua New Guinea and I am praying about the possibility of accompanying him on that trip. At this point much depends upon the status of our support-raising and upon our raising of the \$5000 needed to make the trip.
- We will need to find permanent housing in Los Fresnos, Texas by the end of this summer. We are currently living in one of the student housing apartments of the *Center for Pioneer Church Planting*.

Prayer Requests

- For our family as we travel and raise support the next few months. Please pray for like-minded, God-centered churches and individuals to partner with us through prayer and financial support.
- For the salvation and growth in grace of our children.
- For wisdom and strength as we begin our church-planting work in northern Mexico.
- For funds (\$5000) to go to PNG in May.
- For grace to live lives of reckless abandon and self-sacrifice for the sake of the gospel and the name of Jesus.
- For wisdom as we "house-hunt" the next few months.

For the gospel and the kingdom,
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