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What is Furlough?

“Furlough.” It’s a strange word that means your missionary friends come home. You may be wondering, “What do they do during that time?”

For many missionaries, furlough means traveling all over the United States making connections with the people who support them. At Good Shepherd Community Church, our global outreach directors understand how exhausting that process can be and from the beginning they encouraged us to seek our financial support from within the local church area. As a result about 95% of our financial support comes from within a 2 hour radius of Good Shepherd which means we can connect with our supporters without having to travel very far. Thus, our furlough will be spent working within the church at Good Shepherd and being a part of the body during our time at home. What a blessing!

We do have some goals to accomplish over the next seven months. Todd will be working through physical therapy to rehabilitate the herniated disk in his back. Cathy will be pursuing some college course work to renew her teaching license as well as attending some training in dyslexia in the Seattle area. Both of the kids will be attending school at Good Shepherd School in the fall. We also have a week of training through Wycliffe in Orlando during the month of September. During our day to day lives we will be working at the church and building up our team of prayer partners and financial supporters so that we can return to Papua New Guinea in the spring.



Andrew and Alyssa enjoy a last stick of sugarcane during a going away party for us in Sisi's village

Where is “home”?

Some people have asked us if Papua New Guinea is home or if the US is home. Our answer is “yes” to both. It is strange to live between two worlds. When you take a short term trip and then return, it is an amazing experience and a memory to treasure. Coming home on furlough is a little different because life in PNG is continuing without us and we will attempt to drop back into it in a few months. While we are here, we feel very much at home and yet when we return to PNG, we will also be “going home.” It makes us long for heaven where both worlds will connect and we will all be truly home.

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Praises and Prayer Requests

- Praise God for safe and smooth travels. We only had one flight delayed during our trip home and it didn't affect any of the other legs!
- Please pray for transition as we settle back into the American culture.
- Please pray for Todd's back to progress quickly as we begin working to rehabilitate his injured disk.
- Please pray for the kids as they adjust to the culture and the climate.
- Praise God for the housing that has been provided for us.



Left: Todd's store staff pose for a team picture after a farewell party.

Below: Our friend Sisi invited us to her village for a meal and a precious good-bye complete with a song she wrote for us.



Above: Alyssa has a new favorite sugar cookie recipe that she received from a Papua New Guinean classmate.



Left: Andrew is ready for a game of capture the flag with the teens. It helps that the sun goes down at 6:30 every night.

Below: Todd and his assistant manager, Ken, celebrate the arrival of a newly translated scripture by having a ["Bread of Life" sale](#).



Below: Cathy painted the front room which made the house feel a bit more like home.



Below: This vinyl transfer has been a beautiful addition to our front room.

Love one another
as I have *loved* you
John 15:12