

PRAISES

- A refreshing, challenging time of training at ICC
- Good fellowship, encouragement, & laughter with new friends at ICC
- A growing financial partnership team
- A challenging and enjoyable first year of marriage

PRAYER REQUESTS

- That God will build our partnership team
- That God will connect us with people and churches who will embrace our vision
- For a closer walk with the Lord, both individually and as a couple

All Other Ground Is Sinking Sand...

Stuck in the mud! Minutes before I was enjoying the thrill of driving off-road, a new adventure. Now we were just stuck. I tried everything my instructor told me, but the classroom was so different from actual driving. I could not get out of this mess on my own.

Stephanie and I are learning that life is often like this. One moment we are filled with the excitement of ministry. The next moment we face the challenges of making ends meet, spending enough time with the Lord, and managing our time wisely.

Experienced missionaries taught us much during our time last month at ICC (Intercultural

Communication Course): how to adjust to another culture, wage spiritual warfare, and harmonize with team members, to name a few



Off-road adventures on the JAARS campus

topics. Yet as good as this instruction has been, the reality of teaching MK's (missionary kids) in Indonesia will be challengingly different.

So what happened? We got out of the SUV, threw sticks, stones, and logs under the wheels, and watched as the instructor carefully maneuvered the SUV out of the bog.

We left ICC with this thought: if we deepen our reliance on God now, He will rescue us when it looks like we are sinking into the mire. "Many adversities come to the one who is righteous, but the Lord delivers him from them all" (Psalm 34:19).



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ABOUT US

Our vision: To support Bible translation by meeting the educational needs of missionary kids (Jonathan as a teacher; Stephanie as a secretary)

Our destination: Hillcrest International School in Papua, Indonesia

Our goal: To begin language school in Indonesia by January 2009

Our current activities: We are both working part-time, Jonathan as a tutor and grant-writer, Stephanie as a school secretary. Jonathan is renewing his teaching certification. We are also pursuing opportunities to share with others our personal vision and the great need for Bible translation.

Our needs: We need a solid team of monthly financial partners and prayer partners. We also need advocates to introduce us to others who would be interested in our ministry.

Odds & Ends

Jonathan's health
Jonathan was attacked by an evil flu bug just after we returned from North Carolina. He has had to



We attended an Arabic church while in North Carolina and found good friendship and fellowship with this couple. They also introduced us to some wonderful Lebanese food. ☺

slow down and get lots of rest, but he is finally feeling better. Pray with us that God will bless us with good health as the pace of life picks up.

Plans for March
This month promises lots of trips and family time (which we hold especially dear as we look toward saying good-bye). We will be spending one weekend with Stephanie's family in Colorado and one weekend with Jonathan's parents in Santa Fe. We may also have the chance to attend a conference in Kansas near Stephanie's grandparents' home. Pray

for safety in our travels and good times with our families.

Visa challenges
Over the past year, many of our colleagues have faced problems with renewing their visas and are now using the more expensive temporary visas. The branch director has assured us, however, that we should not face problems with getting our visas. He is optimistic that the challenges will be resolved within this year. Please pray for smooth transitions and favor with the government.