

January 2008

Dear Friends and Family,

We trust you had a joy-filled Christmas with your family. We had some lovely times together as a family. We also had a lot going on here in Sanford!

John and I really thank you for all that you do for us; we truly appreciate you and thank the Lord for you. It's a joy to be laborers together with you -- with God -- in this ministry of reaching tribal people, most of whom have not heard the message of Salvation even once. It is this vision that keeps us so enthused in this work, knowing that we all are part of the team enabling people to be reached with the Gospel.

Another big joy during the end of December was that of our son, Jeffrey, becoming engaged to a lovely Christian girl, Stefanie Janusz. We have known Stefanie and her family for the entire time that we have been with New Tribes Mission. Stef's father, Wally Janusz, was led to the Lord by Tom Christensen, my first husband, while he was still working at Illinois Bell Telephone Co. before we were married, and before Tom came into the NTM training out in Jersey Shore, PA. We have kept in touch with this family, and they with us during all of these years. We are excited, along with Jeff and Stef, about their wedding plans for getting married in late spring of this year! We would appreciate your prayers for all of us as we plan and prepare for this wonderful occasion.



Our son, Tim, was able to be with us for Christmas and New Year's, and we enjoyed having him here. Tim arrived on Christmas morning at the Orlando Airport. The same day, Jeffrey went to visit friends of ours who were having their Christmas in Lake Buena Vista, near the amusement parks. The Janusz family, including Stefanie, was planning a vacation there for about a year. The entire family came to visit us after Christmas, and stayed overnight here.

Regarding our Medical Plan: We are continuing to work on our Policy Booklet which needs to be printed and sent out to all of our New Tribes Mission members as soon as we can get this accomplished. We began using the new network as of January 1. There have been many questions about this change, but we have been sending out new information and new medical cards to our constituency. Thank you for praying for a smooth transition.

We have wanted to write you before this, but it just hasn't been possible. Stefanie stayed with us until Tuesday, January 8! We had a wonderful time together. She flew back to Chicago.

Thank you again for your kindness and faithful prayers and gifts of support, too. We trust you have a wonderful year in 2008.

With love and prayer,

*John & Linda*

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