

Dear Friends and Family,

We are honored to be writing this newsletter to you all. Many of you know for the past couple of years we have been praying for the Lord to show us where and how He wants us to serve Him. We have been faithful here in the Tri-Cities area of northeast Tennessee for eleven years now. We have been to the top of high mountains and to the bottom of low valleys here. God has taught us so much over the years. The biggest lesson has been **there is always HOPE**. Along the way, God also allowed us to go to Rwanda, Africa on a couple of different short term mission trips. These trips opened our eyes and hearts to ministry globally. The Holy Spirit has not let us return to our normal American lives. A love for God's people in Africa has grown. A desire to share our lives and share the Hope of Jesus with the people of Africa has grown.

Jeremy has a passion for youth and teaching, so last fall we contacted Africa Inland Mission (AIM) about teaching in Africa at a missionary boarding school. Through the process of applications, interviews, and prayer, God changed our direction from a teaching position to full time missionary work. God has opened the door for us to go, serve, learn, and share with the **San people of Namibia**. The San have been hunter-gatherers for centuries but today they are some of the poorest and most marginalized people in the country. AIM's mission is to see **Christ-centered churches among all African peoples** and the priority is **Africa's unreached**. One way AIM fulfills this mission is by sending TIMO Teams to live among unreached people groups. TIMO stands for Training In Ministry Outreach. We are now members of a 2 ½ year TIMO Team scheduled to leave for Namibia **January 2015**.

God has laid on our heart 1 Peter 3:15, "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the **hope** that you have. But do this **with gentleness and respect**." We are excited about the journey God has for us to share hope. As missionaries, we are completely dependent on God and on the prayers and financial support of fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. We need people to partner with us. Prior to departure, we need to raise an outgoing fund of \$20,117 and pledged monthly support of \$4,279. God is sending us but God wants you to be a part of this journey also. **Would you consider supporting us through prayer and/or financial donation?** For more information on how to partner with us in reaching the San people of Namibia, please visit our blog or contact us with the information to the right. We are also available to talk to your church or small group about what God is doing in Africa and we would love to visit with each of you.

With Love, Jeremy and Claudia

Hazels in Africa

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Prayer Requests:

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will soften and prepare the hearts of the San to receive the hope of Jesus.
- Pray for God to raise up a team of supporters who will walk with us on this journey.
- Pray we are diligent to work through the long list of things that must be done before we leave.
- Pray we are seeking God more each day.



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