



## Spring 2012 Newsletter

### One chapter closes and another begins...

**Our Time at NTBI is Coming to a Close:** We just cannot believe that our time in Wisconsin at New Tribes Bible Institute is coming to an end. Over the last two years we have had the tremendous opportunity to dive deep into the Word of God. We are thankful for the chance we had to invest into fantastic teaching and we learned so much. We studied subjects such as: Old Testament foundational truths, our identification "in Christ," God's Missiological heart, Justification, Sin, God, Satan, End Times, Israel, the Church and so much, much more. What a privilege it has been! Along with the classes, we were able to be involved with supporting many MKs, investing into the lives of classmates (and they sure invested into us!), and serve on the Student Leadership Team and Campus Events Team. It was an amazing time that we will always look back on with joy.



**Thank You:** The fact is that we would not have been able to engage in this vital training if it was not for your prayers and support. We are so thankful that God gave us this opportunity and used many of you to make it possible. We are well aware that there are MANY other ways you could have used those resources and are humbles that you chose to invest into us.

**What's Next:** We wanted to share with you what we will be doing next. Those who know us well know that we have a passion for Missionary Kids and supporting them as they process the obstacles and advantages that come with cross-cultural transitions. While we still feel this is our ministry direction, we want to share with you what God has been teaching us about our ultimate calling. Simply put, as we search the scriptures we are led to a conclusion that God has called believers to fulfill His purpose. His heart is that ALL might hear His good news and believe. As believers, we are to take His Word to every tribe, tongue, and nations and to make disciples. Out of the 6900+ languages in the world, there are still 2100+ people groups that still do not even have a single word from the bible in their language? As we look to align with God's vision for the world, we feel right now that God has given us a role to support missionary families by caring for their kids. We do not know what this will ultimately look like or where He will take us. We may end up in the states helping MKs transition into the country or we may be sent overseas to serve in a role such as dorm parents. We truly feel we are on borrowed time on this earth and as believers, we have true purpose. We are looking to be open-minded to the Lord and willing to join His plan.



MTC in Missouri

**The Nitty Gritty:** To be qualified to partner with New Tribes Mission, we need to complete their training program. We have now completed Phase One here at NTBI and will be heading to our next phase in Missouri. This phase, called the Missionary Training Center (MTC), will take one year and will focus on essentials for life on the field, phonetics for language learning, and church-planting methodology. So, in early June we will move everything we own to Missouri which is where we will end up living in January. After we get our things stored we will make the trek in our car to California. We will be doing a little traveling in June and July joining in with a few MK retreats and as well as seeing Bree's parents who are home from the mission field for a few months. In late July, we will end up settling into the Bay Area in CA and will be there into December. Our goal is to actively fundraise as well as work so we can raise what is needed for the training as well as a mission trip to Papua New Guinea in October. We hope to connect with all of you during this time! God willing, after we complete MTC in Dec. 2013, will be looking to join New Tribes Mission officially and get plugged in as soon as we can.

**Need You More Than Ever:** We cannot help but be excited. The truth is... we feel like the luckiest people on the planet for what we get to experience and see as God works around us. We have boarded a train in which we do not fully know the destination... but in Christ, we are confident and have peace that we are on the right track. It feels like we are on a surfboard just riding the wave. We would love for you to join us in this adventure! We want to partner with you. It takes prayer, encouragement, fellowship, assistance, and financial support - it truly takes a team.

## Connect with us:

There are so many ways to connect with us and we would love to hear from you!

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## Ministry Moment: Wayumi

Bree and I were given the opportunity to take a tribal church-planting course called Wayumi in Pennsylvania this spring break. It is a program that New Tribes Mission (NTM) has created that allows college-aged students to get an inside look into what it takes to take the gospel into the unreached world.

This was a fantastic week in which we walked away completely refocused. I truly wish all could take the course because you really can't take it and walk away the same. If you are at all interested, I encourage you to check out our recent blog post on our trip!

## Papua New Guinea: Moving forward...

We have been given the open door to go with Hume Lake International to Papua New Guinea for a few weeks next October to help run Hume Lake style camps for MKs in the country. This is an opportunity in which we are strongly considering and praying about. Please pray for us as we consider and look to begin fundraising.

## Prayer and Praise:

### Our Praise Reports...

- We graduated from New Tribes Bible Institute!
- God has continued to faithfully provide for us while strengthening our faith!

### Our Prayer Requests...

- Please pray for our move back to CA in early June.
- Please pray for wisdom as we consider joining the Hume Lake International team heading to Papua New Guinea in October.
- Please pray as we continue to build our team and raise support.
- Please pray that our few months in California will be fruitful as we reconnect with our families, friends, and church family!