

The DEATRICK FAMILY

Solomon Islands

Dear Faithful Supporters,

March 2022

Last week the announcement was made by the Solomon Island Government that they plan to open up the Solomon Islands by July 1, 2022. This is the first solid date that we have been given since last year and to say we are excited is a vast understatement. Details will continue to be more clear in the coming days, but we praise the Lord that we have a date in mind that we can anticipate. I cannot tell you how much rejoicing there has been in the Deatricks family since we heard the news. God is good! We are praying that it will be much sooner than July, but we are continuing to rest in God's perfect timing. We are so looking forward to returning to the Solomon Islands, getting back to work there, and being with the dear people God has called us to serve.

We have also been able to get a quote on the purchase and the shipment of a container to the Solomon Islands. We praise the Lord that we were able to find an eastern port departure rather than putting the container on a train to ship across the USA. This saves time due to the backlog in the western ports, and it will be less expensive. We also praise the Lord that enough money has come in to fully cover the container purchase and shipment. Over and over again God has shown us that He can provide for every need. Things have been donated, purchased, or promised to replace all of the ministry things lost in the fire! We are still working through household things and appreciate so much the many who have purchased things from our Amazon list.

As we anticipate getting back to the Solomon Islands, we need to start the work permit and visa process all over. We will not be able to start this until the immigration office reopens from covid lockdown. A wonderful blessing, however, is that God has provided a trusted friend in government who can do all the leg for us on the Solomon Island side of things. Lord willing we can have our visa by the time we get back. Please pray for things to go smoothly in this matter. I know missionaries are always asking for prayer for paperwork, but it truly is a complicated process that needs much prayer.

This past Saturday around 8pm (Sunday morning, Solomon time) we were able to have a wonderful Bible study with Pacific Light Baptist Church. This was not only their first service together since community transmission and lockdowns in Honiara, but it was our first time using zoom for a virtual Bible study. You may remember that I have been recording and uploading weekly Bible studies online for them to download on the Solomon side. Zoom was SO MUCH BETTER! We were able to purchase a computer there and it was so good to be able to interact with the people as I taught. We had a wonderful time of rejoicing over our anticipated return. It did our hearts good.

Thank you to those who have donated books to the ministry library. We are looking forward to seeing how these books will assist the Solomon people in their spiritual growth and English language. If you are interested in donating books, please send them to 333 Fox Mountain Road, Columbus, NC 28722.

Your love, encouragement, and support - both financially and in your prayers, has overwhelmed our hearts. Thank you. May God bless your faithfulness!

All for Him,

Michael and Nora Deatricks and Family



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