

Pray For The Claypools

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*"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line,
here a little there a little" - Isaiah 28:9-10*

Dear Praying Friends and Family,

April 2025

We are currently on the last leg of our western visits. Amanda and I decided to take this trip on our own and let the kids have some time with the grandparents. We drove more on the first leg to reach California than we normally drive in a whole year back on the islands. It truly is incredible how vast our country is. That being said, we have enjoyed the changing vistas and scenery, even if it is seen from the front seat of our vehicle.

Once we reached California the visits came fast with relatively shorter trips in between, ranging from 3 to 8 hours between scheduled stops. We have had a very enjoyable time seeing old faces and new ones, as well as reconnecting with our churches, who have gone out of their way to help us feel welcome. What a blessing they have been to us. God has given us a fantastic group of churches, most of which have been with us since deputation, which speaks to their perseverance and faithfulness and is a great testimony to their service for the Lord.

The Lord has also blessed with accommodations, either providing prophet chambers, or families who are willing to host us during most of our "off" days. We are so thankful to those who have opened their homes to us, allowing us to become, for a limited time, part of their lives and giving us the opportunity to get to know them better.

After our drive west is finished we will have a day to wash and repack and then we are flying to Alaska the first part of May, where we will be visiting our supporting churches there, as well as presenting to at least one new church. Then our journeys will be over - until June - when we need to travel down to our mission board headquarters in TN. Thank you all for your prayers for safety during these many miles. God has kept us safe both from ourselves and from others on the road, and we look forward to His continued protection as we finish up our visits.

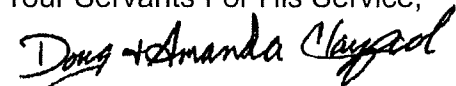
We also want to thank you for your prayers for the church back home on the islands. There has been a predictable drop in attendance during our absence, but we remain in contact with most of our church family there and have been encouraging them as much as we can. Please continue praying for the church, that this will be a time of both learning and spiritual growth. Please also remember Dias, who is holding things together in our absence. He needs your prayers for patience and strength as he continues with services even with the reduced numbers.

Our target date is still July, however, we have not been able to accomplish all of the work that we had hoped up to this point. We are asking God for wisdom as to whether or not we will need to extend our time here in the States until mid-September so that we don't leave family in a lurch or worse yet, with unfinished business. Please pray for us in this area, as we are asking God for clear direction.

As for why mid-September, the reason is that August is vacation month for Europeans and tickets skyrocket in price and at times they will even limit luggage due to the travel demand. This peak travel time continues until mid-September when things go back to normal again.

Once again we end with a heartfelt thank you for your prayers and financial support. We look forward to the rest of our church visits and very much appreciate your prayers as we try to work through family needs. The Lord has everything under control and we are trusting in and looking for His clear and distinct direction.

Your Servants For His Service,



The Claypools

Doug, Amanda, Morgan, Kaitlyn, Sean

