

THE PUBOLS POST

"...with your blood you purchased [people] for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."
 —Revelations 5:9, NIV

THANK YOU!

What a privilege it has been to be able to see so many of you as we've traveled across the country. We've reconnected with many friends and family that we haven't seen for years. To all of you who gave us opportunities to speak at your churches and small groups this fall, and provided us accommodations and meals, THANK YOU!

After we spent Thanksgiving in California with Jeff's family, we traveled to the northeast to enjoy Christmas with Heather's family. We really enjoyed the time with our families.

Knowing that our traveling would slow down at the beginning of the year, in October we began to pray that God would provide us with a place to stay by January. Praise God, in January we moved into a home about 45 minutes from Heather's family—rent free! We'll be able to stay here until we leave or until June (whichever comes first).

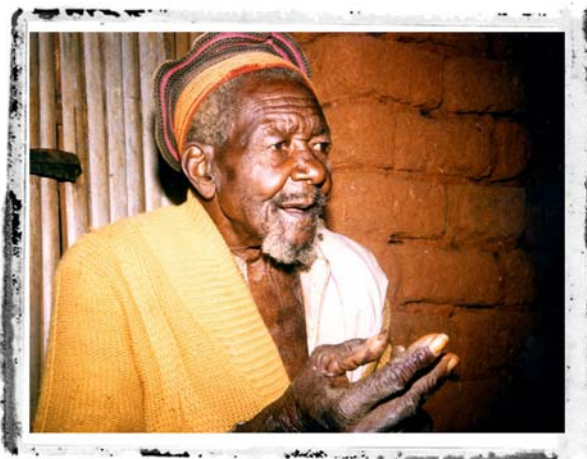
We've also made progress on our support. We now have pledges for 50% of our monthly support. If you would like for us to share about our ministry with your church or small group or if you would like to refer us to a friend, family member or church who may be interested in joining our ministry team, please contact us (see contact info on the back—email addresses, mail forwarding address and phone number are all current).

Check out our personal blog for regular updates on what's going on with us: <http://www.thepubols.com>



SNOW! We're enjoying a northern winter after many years of living in the south.

THE GOD OF ALL NATIONS & LANGUAGES



Pastor Joseph Chia Ngew, of the Noni language community in Cameroon, West Africa, met an old man who was very angry about Bible translation into African languages. The man said that each tribe has its own language, which can be used to worship the gods of that particular land, because the gods founded the land together with its language. The gods of each tribe understand only the language of that particular tribe.

He said that when he was young, he had heard of a god who is still worshiped today in many groups called churches. This god is not an African god; he understands only English, and his books are written and read in English. Now people have been reading the books of that god in the Yamba language. It is an abomination for that foreign English god to learn that people

have been translating and reading his books in a language that he cannot understand. The man concluded, "The gods of our land will not be happy to hear books of a foreign god translated and read in our language. Bible translation is unacceptable to our tribal gods."

Pastor Ngew explained to the man that the Almighty God is God of all nations and of all languages in the entire world. He is the one who caused the people of Babel to speak different languages (Genesis 11). He is not upset to see the translation of His Word, but is happy that people can listen to what He has to say to each of them in their heart language.

KENYA UPDATE

We watched the news with sadness during the first week of January. Violence had broken out in Kenya catalyzed by disputed results from their recent election. Hundreds of people died and hundreds of thousands are still displaced.

Security forces kept much of the violence contained. Broadcasts from religious leaders pleading for an end to the violence played all day and night in Nairobi while the unrest persisted.

Kenya has been a place of stability and a bastion of peace for more than forty years. The unrest came as a surprise for many people. However, after about a week of clashes, signs of normal life began to return. Businesses reopened, people began to return to work, and students went to school.

The situation is still tenuous, and mediators are offering their services to resolve the election conflicts. At this time the outcome is uncertain. What is known is that the people of Kenya need time to rebuild and heal.

You may be wondering how the situation in Kenya will impact our assignments. Our organization is constantly monitoring the safety of its workers, and regularly participates in contingency planning. As of January 7 the office in Nairobi reopened. While the organization is limiting unnecessary travel of its staff to Kenya, the situation did not escalate to



Praying for peace. Christians around the world are joining with Kenyan Christians to pray for peace in Kenya.

warrant an evacuation of staff. Nearly everyone is back to carrying on their normal responsibilities.

Some more good news is that at this point no one working for our organization has been directly affected by the violence. Yet, many of our Kenyan colleagues do have friends or family members that have been affected.

We believe that God kept us from arriving in Kenya in January because of the unrest. It is an answer to prayer that we are not there yet. At this point, we will still be able to work in Nairobi when we've reached 100% of our ministry support. We'll keep you posted if anything changes.



PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for providing us with a home for which we can stay for several months!
- Praise God for opportunities to see friends and family.
- Praise God for keeping our colleagues in Kenya safe during the unrest.
- Pray for peace and the restoration of stability in Kenya.
- Pray that our colleagues in Kenya will be agents of comfort and healing to those hurting around them.
- Pray for more prayer and financial partners to join our ministry team.

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