

The Doyle Dispatch

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Going Home?

Furlough (home assignment) is an interesting time for missionaries. Every time we think about it, we realize more and more that our true home is a place we have never been—heaven. As we transition from this ‘home’ to the ‘old home’ where our families and friends live (or at least used to), we are faced with mixed emotions.

For us adults, it’s not quite the same place we remember from previous years. People, culture, and even places have shifted over the past four years. Sometimes the changes are obvious and shocking, while at other times the

shifts are subtle and catch us unawares. For our kids, it’s a place they’ve only lived briefly and only vaguely remember.

Of course we are thrilled about seeing family members (including some born during this field term), meeting old friends, and making new friends. We want to see, meet, talk to, share, experience, feel, connect, and just be with PEOPLE! It’s important for us to have a ‘home’ in terms of relationships.

Many of you who read this newsletter have been part of that for us on past furloughs, and we would love to spend time with you again. It may be brief, and perhaps not seem that important, but we treasure our times with you.

We plan to arrive in the USA on the last day of July, so if you’d like for us to visit your church, your home, your area/town, etc. in August or beyond, we’ve put specific contact information on the Back Page.

Home is where family is, and we’re so grateful to be part of the family of God.

For God is my
witness, how I
yearn for you all
with the
affection of
Christ Jesus.

Philippians
1:8
ESV

Prayer Corner

Praises:

- Two good trips to the Sepik region of PNG for village meetings about the local future of Bible Translation
- God’s provision for furlough needs (house, vehicle)
- Good transitions out of some of our tasks at Ukarumpa
- Divine help in doing our remaining current roles—your prayers are being answered!

Requests:

- Referendum on Independence in Bougainville coming up in Oct 2019
- Wisdom for our long-term plans in Bougainville and the Solos program
- Pray that our final weeks before furlough will be fruitful and that we will finish this field term well
- Larry will preach one more time here in Ukarumpa (July 14), and needs God’s guidance and wisdom
- Transition is never easy, so pray for a good start to our time in the USA

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Travel Details

We don't yet have a firm travel schedule, but we hope to travel to Washington, Idaho, West Virginia, Florida, the Carolinas, Alabama/Mississippi, Nevada, Tennessee, Texas, and any points in between or in roughly the same direction (California? Maine?). We will at least initially be based in the Kansas City area, so if you're in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, or Arkansas, we can easily pop in for an evening or a weekend visit.

If you want to meet up with us or have us visit your church, either email us directly (doylelawrance@gmail.com) or get in contact with Ashlee Englund at COGH World Missions (wmsecretary@cogh.net or the contact info below). We'll put out an update as soon as we get US phone numbers so you can text or call us, too.



A big log bridge over the lagoon canal to the beach, on the way to a Sepik village.



Left: Jacob is very happy cooking, and can even make a few things (with help).

Right: Lawrance's artwork, and then after color is added. He can't wait to see real hummingbirds!



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