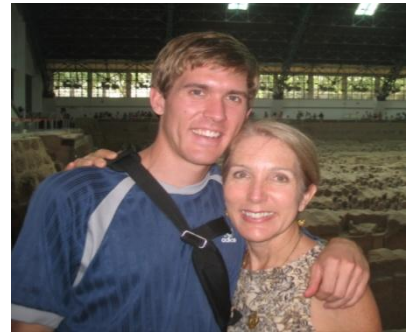


September 2009

Dear Family and Friends,

Scattered showers are making their way across the valley this afternoon in the southeast of Arizona. They provide much needed moisture for the ranchers and farmers in this dry part of the country. What a contrast from what we were experiencing a little while ago in Papua New Guinea!

We left PNG in mid-July but before landing in Los Angeles we spent almost two weeks in China with our youngest son, Jon. We found him encouraged and healthy. We walked across the campus of the university where he teaches, met some of his friends and visited some well known historical sites in X'ian and Beijing.



After arriving in the US we spent the next couple of weeks with our three other sons and meeting our grandson for the first time!



Greg and Monika



Chuck, Andrea and Cade



Steve and Hannah



During our time in the United States while on "home assignment" we will be basing ourselves near New Tribes Mission Aviation in Arizona. We are looking forward to being involved there and seeing many of you during our time here in the USA. Our first trip to the east coast begins in a couple of weeks with stops in Missouri, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Our preliminary target for moving to Brazil is early summer 2010. The startup of the new aviation ministry in Brazil is dependent upon overcoming several major challenges. They include: the outfitting and importation of a Cessna 206, the establishment and funding of a flight subsidy program and the issuing of visas for ourselves and another pilot family.

We are very thankful for each of you who have faithfully prayed for us and supported our ministry financially for so many years! We know it involves much sacrifice and a deep commitment on our behalf.

Serving a faithful God,

Charlie & Ruth Patton

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