

Hi Folks!

Greetings from the... *cornfields of Illinois!*

I, Katie, have momentarily escaped the summer sauna of Dimapur for a brief visit with my parents. We decided I needed to make this sudden trip to spend time with my Mom, who recently celebrated her 83rd birthday & my Dad, who has been undergoing medical procedures, as well as to help our son Lima prepare for his big move to Nagaland. A perk of the trip is babysitting (trying to keep up with) our delightful 3 year-old grandson Liam.

It's been an eventful trip thus far. Just after arriving I hit the road from Springfield to Peoria to meet Lima...and the adventure began. I borrowed my father's treasured beloved 25-year-old truck, and killed it, really, blew the gasket! Since I'd not yet gotten a US phone I ended up walking along the highway! Well, that eventually was resolved, and we've gotten down to business. Lima and I have already made the trip to Chicago for his immigration documents, booked his ticket to return on the same flight and will now focus on packing, reducing his life's possessions to a suitcase to begin his journey of marriage and life in India!

Meanwhile, at home on the other side of the globe, Taku continues the work of the ministry. This week he is in South India meeting with church leaders to launch the Committee for Local Arrangements for the 2019 India Baptist Summit. He also is visiting recently appointed colleagues assisting in training the Banjara tribal churches and conferring with leaders regarding upcoming programs with the IMCC commissions and forums.

PRAISE & PRAYERS

FAMILY

Thank you for your prayers for **Taku's brother Imkong** who has been undergoing chemo therapy for the recurrence of throat cancer. At one point recently he was in serious condition, but God answered prayer and he revived. He has now completed the series of treatments and will soon begin tests to determine their success. **Please continue to pray for his complete healing.**

Pray please for our family as we prepare for Lima's wedding November 9th in Dimapur. We are sending out 3,000 invitations (his fiancé has a huge extended family). We will be providing the reception meal, an interesting endeavor since no RSVP is practiced, we anticipate only 1,500 to 2,000 attending. We're excited that Meren and Sentila will bring their families to attend. **Pray** for Lima as he makes the move and adjusts, for all the **wedding preparations** and **grace** for the special day!

MINISTRY

Great News on many fronts! The **Neighborhood Ministries**, house churches continue to grow. Last week 8 more new believers were baptized and there are 12 now prepared and waiting to take that step of faith. Please pray as the political situation is difficult in the areas of the churches, causing some disturbances. Pray for God's continued grace.

North East Christian University (NECU)

PRAISE THE LORD finally classes are underway! Five professors have been hired, the smart classroom is ready for action and Laptops are provided for 25 students. **Please pray for more students!**

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Please pray as we have an extensive ministry schedule crisscrossing three states before meeting Meren's family in Delhi and heading back to the hectic final days before the wedding! Following the wedding we and all the kids' families will spend 2 days together in Kaziranga Wildlife Reserve riding elephants to meet rhinos in the wild before flying to Kolkata to disperse. Taku and I fly directly to South India where I will speak at the All India Women's Conference conducted by the IMCC Women's Forum. We will be going non-stop from mid-September through mid-November!

We need your prayers! We are so grateful for your partnership in prayer and financial support that play a crucial role in the work God is doing! Your partnership does truly encourage and empower us. As you pray for us, we also uphold you in our prayers. Please feel free to contact us with any prayer needs that we could unite with you in taking before the Lord..

May God bless you especially as you move into the new routines of fall!

Taku & Katie Longkumer