



To Every Tribe

Jesus is worth it

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Our First Anniversary!

This August marks the first anniversary of our move to Los Fresnos, TX and serving on the staff of *To Every Tribe*. It has been a joy and a privilege. We love the mission, the work, and the people with



whom we are working. It has also been a year of hard work and long hours. As we and the other staff here became familiar with one another and our gifts, we have been able to better define our roles. Ron is now the Executive Director of *To Every Tribe*. His duties include oversight of the entire mission, development of the new *Center for Pioneer Church Planting* two-year curriculum, website management, teaching, leading chapel services, and pastoral care of the CPCP students and families. Margie is the *Director of Communications and Member Care*. She coordinates all of *To Every Tribe's* communications and serves as the editor of our quarterly newsletter. In addition, she is the contact person for all inquiries from prospective CPCP students, provides pastoral care for the women on campus, is assisting in the creation of the CPCP's chronological bible storytelling curriculum, and will be developing *To Every Tribe's* arm as a sending agency.

Spending Fall in Chicagoland

We will be headed to Geneva, IL for the months of September and October in order to do support raising. Along with going to new churches, we hope to connect personally with as many of our current supporters as possible. (If we don't get to see you, please don't be upset or offended. It is going to be very busy time for us.) If you would be able to host a group of potential supporters (see the 200 at \$10 per Month article) while we are in the area, please let us know.

The First National PNG Team

One goal of *To Every Tribe* is to send out cross-cultural church planting teams. In addition to that, we want to raise up church planting teams from within the cultures to which we are going. God is faithful! The first national Papua New Guinea (PNG) team has already been launched before we have sent our own team to the field! From the fruit of David Sitton's church planting efforts in PNG and many years of short-term mission trips, Josie Kosky, Jepheth Kosky (her son), and Jepheth's wife have launched out to the village of Govimas. Govimas is the unreached people group our 2009 PNG team visited for the first time in March. Josie and Jepheth will be presenting the gospel to the villagers through a bible-based literacy program.

Newly Enhanced Website

One of Ron's major responsibilities since arriving at *To Every Tribe* last August has been the development of an enhanced website. The results are fantastic! There is now a wealth of information readily available about our mission, missionaries, the Center for Pioneer Church Planting, our students, mission resources and quotes, etc. We encourage anyone interested in mission to take a look:

www.toeverytribe.com

200 at \$10 per Month

The Lord graciously sold our house in Winfield, IL last summer, allowing us to move and begin our ministry with *To Every Tribe*. We are abundantly blessed! Yet, the relatively quick sale of our house and move did not provide us enough time to do all of the support raising we needed before moving. Hence, we have had to be spending funds designated for our retirement in order to meet our monthly expenses, something we cannot do for long.

To fill that gap, we have been praying for the Lord to provide 200 people who would become monthly supporters of us at \$10 per month. People who can pledge more or increase their current pledge will reduce the number of new supporters we need. Last month we took a support raising tour through Colorado, Iowa, and Illinois. The good news is that we are now need only 179 supporters at \$10 per month! Praise the Lord!

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We would be blessed if you would consider helping us to find these supporters. One suggestion would be to host a group of people in your home who might be interested in mission to unreached people groups. We can provide you with a DVD and literature

about *To Every Tribe*, and support information. All you would need to do is to provide some refreshments, present the materials, pray, and thank people for coming. If you live within a day's drive from Chicago, we might be able to attend your gathering in person during September or October. Even if we can't be there in person, your affirmation of our ministry to others could be a great blessing to us. Please let us know if you would be interested in hosting such a gathering. This would be a great way for you to actively be partnering with us and participating in reaching the nations with the gospel!

“Tough and Flexible”

One of the mottos for *To Every Tribe* is “tough and flexible.” We practiced it this year when we had to cancel our mission trip to the Coicoyan people of Oaxaca, Mexico due to the swine flu epidemic. In the place of this trip, the Lord was gracious to open doors in Emiliano Zapata (EZ), Mexico. Our CPCP students had been making monthly overnight visits to this village throughout the school year. The change in plans allowed us to spend a whole week there hosting a dental clinic, teaching bible studies, and doing evangelism. Sixty-four people from the village of about 200 came to our clinic . . . what an opportunity to show and tell the love of Christ! Our CPCP students returned a few weeks later to join a team doing a Vacation Bible School in EZ. We are earning the right to be heard and laying the foundation for a local church start. Please pray that the men of EZ will open their hearts to the Lord, and be disciplined as spiritual leaders in the church and community.

Praises and Prayers

Praises:

- For a blessed and productive first year at *To Every Tribe*
- For the successful completion of the 2009 CPCP school year
- For the graduating students seeking support to go on the field
- For the development of the new two-year CPCP curriculum
- For the Lord to send new students for the 2010-2011 CPCP school year

Prayers:

- For the balance of the 200 at \$10 per month supporters we need to balance our budget
- For a new health insurance plan: Ron has been unable to find new coverage due to his sarcoidosis. Our current denominational plan is very expensive.
- For another car for Abiah – the car we gave her is “dying”
- For our health and energy
- For our preparation for teaching during next year's CPCP