

# To Every Tribe Ministries **Wilkinson Update**

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Hello to all our friends and loved ones! We hope that you are all doing very well. Except for a recent bout of runny noses wiped on sleeves, a touch of strep throat, and a lot of coughing without covering our mouths, (well, the kids anyway) we're healthy and well. ☺ If you're a little jealous about the tropical climate down this way, we would encourage you with the news that at this very moment it is 46 degrees outside with hurricane force winds. While this would be a heat wave to our friends and family in the north, those of you who live in the south know how cold that feels to us gringos who are used to 80 to 90 degree weather.

In our last update we had mentioned that we would be moving soon to San Antonio. That move has not happened as fast as we expected to, but it's in the works. We searched for weeks and weeks for an apartment that would take us, but nobody wants a missionary. We either heard that we don't make enough money or we don't have a reliable income or we have too many kids. From our perspective, none of this is true, but as all of these potential landlords don't know us from a hole in the ground, we respect their caution. We had been bringing this issue to the Lord throughout the search process, but we didn't begin to see His hand until we had come to the end of our resources.

A friend and faithful supporter asked us one morning if we had heard of Care Teams. We hadn't, so he directed us to their website and we took a look. You can visit the website if you like at [www.caresteam.org](http://www.caresteam.org). Care Teams are couples and singles who move into apartment complexes and communities to share the gospel with the other tenants through friendship evangelism. For those of you who have never heard of "friendship evangelism," this is just a fancy way of saying that we befriend people and help them with their needs as a way of being "Christ" in their lives while looking for opportunities to share the gospel. The apartment manager, along with the help of Apartment Life (the parent organization of Care Teams) pays for the rent of the Care Team (except for the \$250 that we contribute). So if we are accepted as a Care Team, Apartment Life will find an apartment for us and pay for most of our rent so that we can reach out to the other residents. They also give us an additional \$250/month to pay for food and supplies for our ministry. Could our God have provided anything better? We have gone

through a rigorous application process, but we're finally finished and are waiting to hear back. We'll let you know what happens!

In other news, Matt is still pursuing medical training. He originally thought that he would pursue nursing and had begun to move in that direction, but after our last update we heard from several friends in the medical field who advised him to consider the field of paramedics. After looking into it, we found that paramedic certification costs less, takes less time, and enables him to do more than a nurse would be trained to do. Because it would take less time to train, he would actually have time to work as a paramedic, thus gaining valuable experience before we leave for New Guinea. At this point, Matt is looking at going to San Antonio College to get his paramedic certification, but we are still praying about this. Again, we'll let you know how the Lord leads.

Well that's about it. In terms of prayer requests, we would just ask that you pray that God would continue to open doors to secure an apartment for us, and also that He would continue to give us wisdom concerning the kind of training Matt should get. We are still open to suggestions for both of these circumstances and would welcome them. Again, we thank you for your ongoing support and love. May the Lord bless each of you as you each have blessed us!

In Christ,

Leanne for the Wilkinsons

