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Dear Praying Brothers and Sisters

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The Christian life is a journey of faith. Often we face trials that we are not able to bear in our strength, only the Lord's strength can enable us. We experienced one of these trials this past Friday at the Bible College. One of our first year students, Lao, passed away unexpectedly, leaving her husband Martin with a baby boy, preschooler aged daughter, and another "adopted daughter" who had previously lost her father. Please pray for Martin and his children. It has been really encouraging to see how the local churches here have been gathering around Martin during this time.

Due to Lao's death on Friday afternoon we were not able to go up to Sagifa on Saturday. As a result we went up on Sunday morning and were able to take several ladies to Bill and Lori Smith's church plant at Lusillo. The Bible study at Sagifa was started through the Smith's baby ministry and mobile clinic. The ladies that went with us were thankful once again to receive Lori's medicine. We have been wanting to switch from a Saturday Bible study to a Sunday morning church service for a long time. It appears that the door is opening just a little more for us to switch to Sundays. Please pray fervently for us to see more people saved and the church started.

Lydia is growing each day. She is sleeping better and crying less which means Leandra is also getting much better sleep. Lydia is also doing better being around people she does not know.

The Greek class has been going well. There are six students in the class. My goal is for one or more of these students to become a Greek teacher. We have had many interruptions this week due to Martin's wife's death, the death of another family member of some of the students, and sickness on the part of the students [at least that is what they said. ☺]

Please pray for the funds needed for the Bible College expansion. We are trying to replace our current generator with 20 KW Kubota diesel generator with auto start. We need \$16,000 to purchase it, ship it to Gokoa, and pay the customs. We also are currently building a new classroom building for the Christian school. We are hoping in the



next few months to be able to expand the single girls' dorm. Please join us in prayer as we seek the Lord's provision.

Thanks for your partnership in the Lord's work! Eternity will show the fruit of your faithful prayers and gifts. We are faithfully praying for you all.

For His glory,
Tim, Leandra, and Lydia Hawes



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