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*"whatsoever ye do... do all in the name of the Lord..."*

-Colossians 3:17

## WHAT'S NEW...

✦ We would love to catch up with you! We love hearing how are friends and family are doing! **Skype name:** soldier4onegod.

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✦ We have many things going on and we have a bunch of news that we cannot wait to share! Please stay tuned for June's blog post. We will have some **BIG news** to share!

✦ We are currently reporting from the bush; we are in Seth's brother tribe. We are trying to provide some relief and help them during the tribal language learning time.

✦ **Praise God:** We crossed the border safely and had no issues with our visas. We did have to talk to the customs people for over an hour, but they ended up smiling and helping us cross the border.

✦ **Praise God:** He has kept us healthy and safe thus far. We have been amazed that in all of our time overseas, we have each only been sick 2-3 times, truly a testament to God's grace and YOUR prayers.

✦ **Praise God:** We know God has stretched us and grown us in so many ways. We see Him working more and more in us, especially in the hard and uncertain times.

### Prayer Requests:

- **Pray**-For us to grow closer to God and depend on Him more.
- **Pray**-For our trip while we are in the Dem tribe so we can be a blessing.
- **Pray**-For us in all the decisions we have to make, we have some exciting news we will be sharing shortly with you all.



Working, Serving, & Making Relationships

## The One Who Directs our Steps & our Hearts

This time has been a season of sifting for us, really praying and seeking God, desiring to grow and serve Him more whole-heartedly. Our once vacant base has grown to almost full capacity, several teams coming back from furlough to go back to their work, several new families, and much more coming and going here in Wewak. With all these new families we began the process of helping them transition, as well as training people to do various jobs around the base and get involved in the bush ministries.

With this time of actually having people to help with the various jobs around the base, we saw it fitting that God would direct us and enable us to go to the bush! As you all know, that is our heart, and where God keeps directing us, we long for the day to see where God will lead us full-time... and that day might come soon. While we wait upon the Lord, we are serving another tribal missionary.

Unlike our previous trips where we went to "finished/phased out works" and help encourage the church, spurring them on to keep the faith, this trip is diametrically different. With our very limited Indonesian, and for the most part less than a handful of people in this tribe even speak Indonesian, we have learned a few phrases and words in their heart language. Seth has learned some words and phrases in the Dem language from the men that help him work on projects around the house, and Nicole has picked up some language as well as she spends time with the ladies. She has been able to be with several ladies just hours and even minutes before they had their babies!

Once again, every time we are in the bush being with the people, spending time with them, we are reminded this type of work is what God has put in our hearts to do.

*for the glory of His name, Seth & Nicole Stokes*



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