



Reconnecting & River Crossing (1 of 2)

**Colossians 2:5** - "For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying... of your faith in Christ".

## WHAT'S NEW...

❖ **We are BACK:** Not just back on our island, but back in our house in and amongst the Tiale people! Praise God!

❖ Even though we have only been back for over a week, we have been able to connect with many of our village friends because of two funerals that have occurred.

❖ **Praise God:** The Tiale people are **hungry** to learn more about God's Word and to help us finish learning the Tiale language. In our absence 3, more men volunteered to help in teaching us the Tiale language.

❖ **Praise God:** Our house is standing! Only **one** part of our solar is broken. There is a lot of cleaning still to do.

❖ **Praise God:** The Tiale people greeted us with open arms, many tears, many kisses on the cheeks... so that's encouraging!

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Pray:** For this weekend, that many would come to be both encouraged (the believers), and that seeds are planted in the unsaved.
- **Pray:** For the Bible School: both the teachers and students (starts in May).
- **Pray:** 1) For us to transition quickly 2) For us to finish learning the Tiale language 3) To have discerning eyes as to what God would have us do for the Tiale people

## You Only Have One House?

The Tiale people keep asking us this question over and over, "*you only have one house?... where did you live during the "pandemic"?*" We keep assuring the people here that we only have **one** house in this whole world, and that while we were waiting to come back to them, our family, various churches and friends hosted us during that time. In the culture here, a home is a sense of **identity**. It shakes them to their core every time they ask that question and we respond the same, each time. They knew we wanted to get back to them, but it hits them at their gut when we say our house is **here**, in this village. Every time they hear this, their eyes light up and they hug us very closely. We have officially been living in our house together in Tiale land for over a week. Seth came up several times to assess the solar, water, the resiliency of the house (*during our absence; many cyclones: 2 category 5, and numerous earthquakes*) and do the dirty jobs, while getting the satellite up and running well, before Nicole came back to the village. Seth has already had the chance to preach. We have also already had many meals with others, catching up from these past years.

## Big Weekend Coming Up!

Please pray for this weekend (tomorrow); Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. This **Saturday** we are hosting a feast/get-together for the Tiale people; to encourage them as a language group showing them that there are missionaries who care about them, and want to remind them that the translation work is "in progress". We sent out about 40 letters to the 37 Tiale villages, no one knows how many people will show up, but just in case, we will kill a pig and cow (pictures will come). **Sunday** we are hosting an additional event in our village, all (5) the churches that are in the Tiale people group to unite them and encourage them as a body of believers. Most people fail to understand that both the translation-work and the local-churches ought to compliment one another and are not separate entities of one another. If they are not working together, it is not a healthy work and is missing the purpose for each other; the church uses God's Word, and God's Word produces and matures the church. Lastly, on **Monday**, Seth is getting together with the three main men he has been discipling for 5 years to encourage them, to evaluate where they are currently at spiritually, and then to strategize the next steps that God would have for them.

## We need YOU now, More than Ever!

We need your **prayer** as we try to get "back" into a routine, while also managing many relationships, aiming to be led by the Spirit as we serve in the Translation work, Bible School development and maturing of the local church(es).

