

The LORD is my strength and my song: He has become my salvation Ex 15:2



Baby Ben

As you may be aware, Benjamin Joseph Hulley was born on the 4th Nov 2002 at 7.09 am weighing 7lb 6oz. We are really grateful to God for answered prayer regarding a safe delivery and that both Ben and Rachel are doing well.

Term 2

This next term focuses on our interpersonal relationships and how we can build each other up and grow in our faith together. It includes learning to work as a team, leadership skills, etc. It's sad to hear that one of the main reasons why missionaries leave the mission field is that they do not get on with their co-workers. Along with many other topics, we will be learning about translation work, photography skills, Church planting, literacy and time management (not to mention learning how to look after new babies!!).

Prayer Points

- Pray for us that we will know the Lord's leading to the place that He wants us to serve Him.
- Pray that the outreach to the young people who live outside the campus would be effective in reaching them with the glorious message of the Gospel.

Mission Impossible?

During the first term of the Missions course we were introduced to the concept of tribal evangelism. Basically, to reach a remote people group with the message of Christ's love there is a large amount of preparation needed to overcome all the obstacles that can hinder the work. Can you imagine trying to write down an unwritten language? NTM have taught us a method of recording sounds that enable the missionary to accurately reproduce the sounds that make up the language of a remote people group. This method is called the International Phonetic Alphabet and will prove very useful during the many months of language study that we will need to do.

Another interesting topic that we have studied is how to present the truths of the Gospel to a tribal people group. It is important to understand how they think so that when you present biblical truths they are not misunderstood and mixed with their own beliefs. We learned that by making a culture file of the people's beliefs, rituals and social structure, we would be able to teach the Gospel message in a culturally relevant way and avoid misunderstanding.

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It was a joy to have a four week Christmas break from the long hours of study and assignments and catch up with friends and family. The time that we spent at home was a blessing because of the kindness and love that everyone showed to us. It was really special to be able to celebrate Christmas with baby Ben and remember that God stepped into the world as a baby, completely helpless and dependent. It's amazing to consider that God loves us so much that he would give His only Son!!

