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Dear Friends,

Greetings in Jesus lovely name! We are so blessed to continue serving the Lord in Fiji and the Pacific.

GREAT NEWS!!!! God has provided a missionary for Tuvalu. I am sending you a copy of the letter he sent me so you can hear in his own words how God has prepared him and his family for that mission field. I was beginning to get discouraged that it seemed nobody would go, and then God reminded me he is the Lord of the harvest and is working in ways I had no idea about. Praise God and thank you for praying. The missionaries name is Charles Lawson. Please, pastors, if you are led, please invite him to your church and get behind this desperately needed missionary to Tuvalu.

Please pray for our building situation here in Nausori. Most of you know we have been renting some beautiful facilities from the native land-owners that used to be the government buildings. However, a recent court case has solved a long-standing dispute and the title has now reverted back to the government. This has meant an automatic eviction notice for us as the government offices and courthouse want the buildings back. And to be honest, there is no-where for us to go. There are no other facilities in our town that we could even rent. I have a meeting with the Director of Lands next week to follow-up on a request we have written for them to allow us two years to continue renting from them while we pray for the funds to buy property and build. Please, make this a matter of prayer. Remember, we have the school, 50 boarding students and two staff families living on campus. So as you can imagine we need some divine intervention!



Our government bible studies have not recommenced because the place we were holding the study is no longer available. However, one of our members has just become the CEO of a major government department and hopes to secure a place for us to start bible studies again soon.

The family Sunday School classes we started are really working well. We have seen some major changes and progress in the marriages and family life of several members. Thanks for your prayers for these families.

At the end of this month I will be travelling to the Philippines to visit and preach for one of the missionaries we trained and sent out of our church in Nausori, Fiji. Bro. Alex Dele Pena has been doing a great job and I am excited to go and see the progress of the work and be what help I can. The trip is October 21-31, and would appreciate your prayers. I will also travel to Nauru in December and Tuvalu in January. These trips will officially be a school trip to visit the families of the boarding students. We will also have services with the established churches in Nauru, and public services in Tuvalu. Pray that God will use our connection with these families because of our school to be a door-way to the salvation of their souls.

We have had a large influx of Chinese into Fiji because of our country's 'look North' policy. Since we are under a military government, Australia and New Zealand have cut most aid and support of the Fiji government, and China has been happy to step in. We have recently accepted 3 Chinese young men to our school who speak no English. One of our teachers got her ESL qualifications in order to teach them English. It is amazing to hear their first English words to be John 1:1-5! We are praying that this class will be another open door to the salvation of another people group.

Thanks again for your prayers and support. I can't stress enough how grateful our family is for the prayers and gifts of God's people that have kept so many doors open in Fiji and the Pacific. We pray God bless you for your kindness and generosity to this missionary family.

In Christ,

Kory L Mears & Family (Wendy, Marissa, Tabitha, Sarah, Micaiah, Hadassah, Makayla and Jedidiah)

LETTER FROM CHARLES LAWSON, MISSIONARY TO TUVALU

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Talofa kory,

My name is Charlie Lawson. In 1996 you came to Temple Baptist Church in Ft. Collins Colorado and preached fervently on the horrid nature of the lake of fire and the fact that people in Fiji were not even being told. A year later the Holy Spirit moved upon my heart about my own lost condition and as my body crumpled to the floor my soul cried out to God and He saved me. Since then God has grown me and my my wife with our hearts always begging God to use us more.

Flash forward to 2010. At our church's mission conference in Menomonie, Wisconsin a missionary made the comment that God wants to reach even the people in Pitcairn with the gospel. I did not know where Pitcairn was, so I looked it up in an atlas. As I was closing the atlas my eyes moved across a word I had never seen before; TUVALU, and the Holy Spirit said what about there. I replied, "what about there?". As the weeks progressed I began to argue with God that he could make a better choice, and yet I found myself weeping in the middle of the work day for a people dying without Christ. My pastor said to pray for six months and if the burden was still there we would proceed. Six months later the burden had amplified logarithmically and God had begun to show us in miraculous ways his heart for Tuvalu.

Flash forward to February, 2011. God brought us to Medford, Oregon to meet the Tepas family. They were saved in Tuvalu, led to the Lord by the pastor from Medford. The church in Medford brought them stateside to be able to disciple them. The Tepas had been crying out to God for a pastor to go to their people. They have been helping us with the language and culture. They have secured for us permanent visas. They have secured for us a concrete building to hold services in. Their son Vaefaanga is called by God to go with us.

Today, September 2, 2011 Pastor Park Sutton from Ft. Collins called me to tell me that brother Kory means says in his prayer letter to pray for the people of Tuvalu to have a missionary sent to them from God. This time I cried, not for the people of Tuvalu, but for the mercy God has shown by choosing a 38 year old building contractor to serve Him full time.

We are currently selling all that we have. The business is closed. We have some churches supporting us already and are praying to be in Tuvalu before may 2012.

May we please have help from you as God allows. We are not novice in life or scripture or living minimally. We are novice in reaching souls in Tuvalu. I can sail, navigate, teach construction, and teach scripture. Whether to criminals or children, Christ loves them all. My wife teaches elementary school, has a business degree, and is good at expressing the gospel to people who have never heard it before. This being said, all that we have is as filthy rags and we can find nothing to glory in except the Lord Jesus Christ.

Tofa,
Charlie Lawson
Is. 42:12