



Together, Planting Tribal Churches

Dear Friends,

Early mornings in Simbariland are a photographer's paradise. Round houses seem to float in the fog while cooking fires push smoke up through the thatched roofs. Simbari women scurry to their early morning tasks, wearing unique bark capes. Little girls, their smaller capes wrapped tight against the cold, follow closely. At an early age they are taught to be a good Simbari wife.

On the ground, reality hits hard. Rain soaks the clay soil 180 days a year. The slick clay sticks to everything and everyone. One moment you are standing on a trail and the next -- BAM! -- You are sitting on the trail, covered in clay. Staying upright is a challenge for the missionaries living and working among the Simbari.

We were there to film the exciting process going on within the Simbari tribe. We had heard great things about this small band of believers. The mature church is growing and has sprung a leak! Yes, the Gospel message is spreading to other villages. What was one is now many.

God is using Simbari church leaders like Raymond to spread His message. With his education he could travel to the nearby town and get a better paying job, but Raymond has chosen to stay in his village to help missionaries translate the Scripture and see the church grow.

After one lengthy Sunday service, Raymond climbed three hours to the top of the clay-covered mountain behind his village to find a cell phone signal. At an appointed time he called fellow believers who live in town and over the phone taught that Sunday's lesson from Ephesians.

God is building his church and you are part of what He is doing worldwide through NTM and your support of our ministry. Thank You!



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Hare Today

In April and May I am taking my video crew to our NTM Missionary Training Center in Missouri, to produce a new video challenging young adults to reach tribal people. We are seeing a greater desire in young believers today to see their lives count for eternal purposes.



In June, Katy and I will take part in Jeremy's HS reunion in Colombia, SA. Among his classmates are those who went through the kidnapping of Steve Welch and Tim Van Dyke in 1994, resulting in the closure of the MK school center. These missionary teachers were held for a year and killed in a rescue attempt. This will be a very special event, as we are taking Steve's two sons and families back to where they lived when the kidnapping took place. The present owner of the former MK School property is going to dedicate the former Welch house as a memorial to the martyred missionary men and their families and to New Tribes Mission and the work in Colombia. I will be taking a special gift of large photos of tribal people for the building. I hope to get a couple videos of the two sons as they visit that location. Both Shad Welch and Scott Welch are now missionaries in Peru. I will be putting photos and video clips on our blog and Facebook.



February 2012, Katy traveled to Colombia with Jeremy and family to visit his biological family. We adopted Jeremy as an infant, and now all his biological uncles, aunts and cousins have adopted our family! What an amazing opportunity to model Christ in these new family relationships.

Praise! While traveling with Juan Carlos, Katy and Jeremy led Jeremy's 18-year-old brother to the Lord.

Jeremy's daughter, Natania, 8 years, was listening and kept telling Grandma to "remember and tell him...." So even Natania, had her part in seeing Juan Carlos come to know the Lord. Would you join us in praying for God's protection and the Spirit's nurturing of the young man's faith?

Later this summer and fall, I have potential trips to Panama, Bolivia, Philippines and Africa. There are so many incredible things happening – The Lord truly changes lives. We want to be able to share those stories with you.

Thanks for your partnership, *Macon and Katy*