

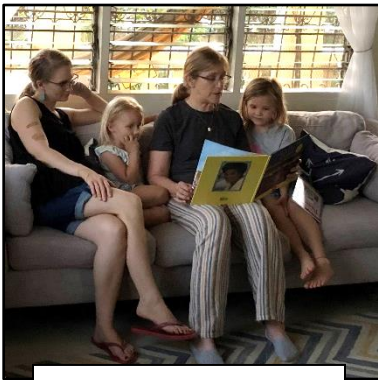
November/December 2022 Update

“Welcome Home!”

Those two words probably weren't a big deal for the customs officer who said them to us as he checked our passport. He probably had said them to hundreds of people. But it brought a warmth to my heart as I knew I was in my own country now. You see, our feet had touched 5 other countries, and had been on 11 different flights.

Our first stop had been Chiangmai, Thailand where we met representatives of about 20 countries who are Global Partners including Ethnos360. More than once, tears were coursing down my face as we listened to one of the main speakers talk about how God brought him around to a saving knowledge of Christ, after hating Christians so vehemently. Other speakers spoke about how things were going in their respective countries. We came away with a renewed vision of what GOD is doing amongst the nations; giving us a renewed desire to continue to be involved in seeing the unreached people groups reached with the Gospel.

Our next stop was in southern Philippines where we were able to spend time with the Miniums. Alex and Elizabeth have such a heart to serve the missionaries in that area with the helicopter. Alex flew us out to a village way up in the mountains where 3 national couples



Diana reading to the kids (and Mom). 😊

were learning the language and culture of the people group, hoping to soon start teaching the Word. The ethnic people welcomed us with a traditional dance with three men playing a rhythm on a large log suspended with some rope.

After spending three days with the Miniums and their 5 wonderful children, it was time to say goodbye (except to Alex who accompanied us). After a 2 and 1/2hr drive, and a commercial flight to an island in northern Philippines, we were welcomed by our aviation co-workers there.

We had brought some Thanksgiving goodies with us from the US, and the next day, they and another family made a wonderful Thanksgiving feast! We spent three days there also, getting to know how the program works, how our personnel are doing and even making another flight way up in the mountains again to visit the missionaries there. One of them was a young lady we knew from Paraguay days who had married and was now serving in the Philippines.



We were very tired but SO pumped with all that God had shown us in understanding better the country, the culture, the dynamics of working there, and the “tweaks” that needed to be made to be able to better function within the country at each location. This helps us to know how better to serve them. We have such a great team there! We are SO proud of each one of them!

We arrived back home on Thanksgiving evening. By then Dwight had sniffles like a cold was coming on, and because we were going to be around family, he got took a covid test and tested positive. So he made himself scarce so my oldest sister, who was staying in the house while we were gone, wouldn't get sick. So, our USA Thanksgiving was a split one. My sister Judy (who works here with her husband) sent their part of the food over here and we sent them the part that my sister Rebecca had made. We each enjoyed yummy food but just separately.

In about a week, Dwight tested negative, and so was able to make the planned trip to Moody Aviation to the Advisory Board meetings on the 2nd of Dec. While up there, he was able to visit with some friends, potential candidates, the Indonesian family going through Moody, and our two families who are on loan to Moody as instructors.

Well, I think this letter has gotten long enough. But I just need to teel you about one more huge blessing that arrived here in McNeal....yep!....the second helicopter for Papua New Guinea. Fresh from the factory!



Our team ready to welcome and thank God for His new



Just think! YOU have a part in this happening! Your prayers, financial gifts, and friendships mean so much. Many of you are giving sacrificially to us and the ministry; and we pray that God will reward you as only He can do.

That smile of our International Chief Pilot says it all!

With our love and appreciation; and wishing each of you a very wonderful Christmas celebration! As we celebrate, pray for those who don't even know who Jesus is.



Dwight and Diana Brown



Left: Dwight played cards & ping pong (and Diana made supper) as Mom and Dad went out on a date.
Center: "Mountainous" takes on a whole new meaning after you fly over these
Right: An electrician's nightmare 😊

