

The Year 2024 A BIG Change

Update from John & Brena Bruner • Sept 2024



Since some of you don't receive our monthly web updates and since we have a big change coming soon in our ministry, we decided we should send out a paper letter to let you know about that and also a brief update on our family.

In April, **BRENA** and I made the decision that we will leave Papua New Guinea in November to return to the U.S. to live. I (**JOHN**) will continue in my current role with Seed Company, and just make regular trips to the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea to do consultant checking, teach translation skills and manage internships. Brena is not sure yet what she will do but hopes to find a role in which she can continue to encourage missionary ladies. We will initially be living at the Wycliffe (SIL) center in Dallas, Texas and will take some time to decide where to settle.

We are so thankful for the 27 years God has allowed us to live and work in Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea. We feel though that God has made it clear that this is the time for us to return to the U.S. to live. It has been harder and harder for Brena to deal with the stress of all the transitions and we also feel like after all these years away, now is a good time (especially considering how Brena is doing) to be close physically to our parents, kids, grandkids, and extended family. **We know that adjusting to life back in the U.S. will be a challenge for us after so many years overseas so we would greatly appreciate your prayers in this time of transition.**

Since we are staying with Wycliffe we will continue to rely on regular gifts from partners. We hope those of you who already partner with us will continue to do so. Because the cost of living in the U.S. is significantly higher than here in PNG, the monthly amount we need to live on will be \$300 to \$500 more than what we are currently receiving (we will find out for sure within a couple months). We are so thankful that because many of you have given so generously over the years, we have rarely had to ask for additional support. And we are trusting now that God will provide what we need when we return to the U.S. If you would like to join our partnership team you can see the information at the end of this letter on how to do that. We will keep you updated in the coming months about our financial situation.



Grant, Sara & Lillian

Family News:

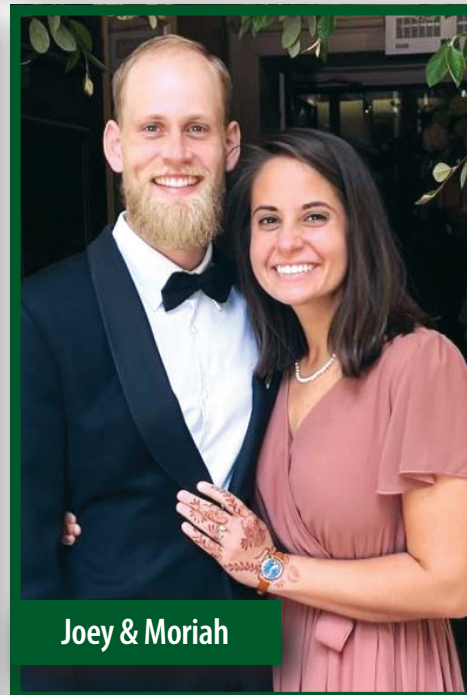
Our youngest son **LUKE** was married in June 2024 to Kate Brown. We have known the Browns since 2010 as they were in Papua New Guinea for several years as hostel parents, so it is wonderful that we are now co-parent-in-laws! They currently live in Charleston, South Carolina, where **KATE** is working as a nurse and Luke does window washing.

JOEY and **MORIAH** are also in Charleston, South Carolina, and they are continuing to prepare to go overseas to serve as missionaries. They are in the application process with International Mission Board (Southern Baptist) and plan to work with Muslims.

GRANT and **SARA** recently moved to Springfield, Missouri, where Sara was hired as the Oncology Pharmacist at a hospital there. Grant is working for Seed Company (on the Pacific team with me) and he oversees translation projects that are receiving funding from Seed Company. Their daughter **LILLIAN** is just over a year old, and they are expecting another girl in January.



Luke & Kate



Joey & Moriah

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