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Dear

Thank you for your prayers and your letters. Sorry we haven't written for so long. We have been very busy moving into our own house in Ukarumpa and unpacking our things that have been stored for four years. We will be writing again soon.

When we were out in the village the last time we had a very nice surprise. Jeremy had been outside one Saturday playing. He met two men and as they were talking he found out that they were Christians. He came running to our house to tell us the good news, bringing the two men with him. We talked with them awhile and found out that they were evangelists sent by one of the Evangelical churches at the coast. After being in our area for two weeks they built a church building and started holding services. They believe there are 70 Christians now. We are very glad these men have come to preach the Gospel to the Tauade people.

One of the evangelists, whose name is Tasi, is a Tauade speaker. He came to help us with language work steady for two weeks. He helped us check the entire Tauade-English dictionary. He also helped us translate some Bible story books into Tauade which we used with the people. Tasi seems to have a keen interest for the New Testament in the Tauade language. We are praying that he will commit himself to helping us with language work and eventually be our co-translator when we start translating the New Testament.

Another thing that has given us all a lot of joy is the purchase of a house in Ukarumpa with the help of some friends from Alberta. We are very thankful for the house. It has given our family a feeling of stability and unity. It is just great to come in from the village and know where home is.

Please pray for the Tauade people, the evangelists and ourselves. Please pray that God would strengthen and encourage us and that His word will be proclaimed to the Tauade people in this generation. The devil is very upset that we have moved into his territory. However, we believe that God will have the final victory and His name will be proclaimed throughout the Tauade language group.

Again we want to thank you for your prayers, financial support and letters over this past year. We couldn't be here doing this work without you standing behind us and holding us up.

We pray that during this Christmas season Jesus will show himself to you in a new and special way that will minister to your particular need. May we all turn our eyes to Him this Christmas season and give Him the praise that is due Him for redeeming us. God bless you and may you have a very blessed Christmas and a prosperous and victorious new year.

In His Service,

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