

Arrival Date
in the US:
July 20, 2012

Smucker's Snapshots

Today's date:
July 11, 2012

Furlough Quiz—True or False?

1. Furlough is basically vacation.
2. There are some things about living in the US that are difficult.
3. We are "super-Christians".
4. Our prayer and financial support levels are fine.

1. False

Although we will have some vacation time as a family and with our extended families, furlough will consist of many other things as well. We will be making trips at different times during the year to see friends and partners and to share about the work of Wycliffe.



We will try to help the kids understand more about their passport country. Sam will get some Scripture Use training so that he can come back and help teach Papua New Guineans how to more fully apply God's Word to their lives.

2. True

Having been away from the US for three years will bring some challenges. Technology has changed drastically while we've been away and we may not know what to do. Finding where we fit may be hard as we enter back into relationships there. Our kids will need to make friends and learn a culture that is different from what they have experienced. If you see us floundering, feel free to come alongside us and help us understand the way things are done now.



Saying good bye to those we have grown to love here, as well as leaving the work God has given us to do, will also be difficult.

3. False

We're not super-Christians, we just attempt to follow God's direction in our lives wherever that may take us and whatever that may be. We have struggles as you do and God continues to mold and make us into who He wants us to be. We are **feeling tired** and need to be refreshed so that we can return to PNG ready to minister again. We are looking forward to having more



opportunities to be fed—Christian radio, Bible studies, Sunday worship, and informal times with other believers.

4. False

The cost of living has increased in PNG this term as well as the dollar is not worth as much against the kina. This coupled with our move to Wewak and some of our partners no longer being able to continue supporting us means that we will need to raise a significant amount of money to return to PNG. We **really need your prayers!** We will be facing many transitions in the next few months and trying to figure out how best to communicate the exciting things God has been doing the last three years. Thank you so much for standing with us over the years as you are a vital part of our team.



Prayer points:

- We could finish well
- Safety in travel—good connections and no delays
- Good transition to time in US
- Good friends for the kids
- Recovery

Praise points:

- Good field term in PNG
- Housing, car and schooling while we are on furlough
- Wonderful opportunities God has given to us to serve
- You who have journeyed with us through the years

Contact Information

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Late July 20, 2012

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Upcoming plans:

- July 19: Leave Wewak, overnight in Port Moresby, then on to Brisbane, Fiji, Samoa, Hawaii, Los Angeles, arriving in TN July 24
- July 25 - Aug 5: Get acclimated, spend time with family, visit friends, and prepare for speaking
- Aug 6-10: Wycliffe re-entry in FL
- Aug 11: Move to OH; get everyone settled
- Traveling and speaking arrangements are still in the making, please let us know if you would like to get together while we are in the US. We hope to see as many of you as time allows.
- June 2013: Return to PNG

*Resting in Him,
Sam, Deb,
Nathanael & Abigail*

What we are looking forward to:

Making Memories with you!

Abigail: being with grandparents, cousins, and friends; going shopping; playing in the snow; playing at the park; eating ice cream



Nathanael: making friends; playing competitive sports; spending time with family; going out to eat; eating apples, grapes, and peaches

Deb: seeing family and friends; going shopping and finding what I need; eating out at restaurants; eating foods that are hard to get here; experiencing the four seasons



Sam: spending time with family and friends; fast internet; traveling on smooth roads; going to town and having it not be stressful; getting some much needed rest

To Do List

There are still lots of things to do before we leave. Hopefully this will give you a better idea how to pray for us.

- Hand off our jobs here to those who will be doing those while we are gone
- Help with the YWAM team outreaches that are happening in Wewak
- Begin setting up speaking engagements and meetings with individuals
- Clean the house before departure
- Make photo albums
- Work on our talks to share with you
- Say good bye to friends here
- Sort and pack—what do we save, get rid of, and pack to bring to the US

Youth With A Mission (YWAM) update

Wow! The YWAM team has been here in Wewak for two weeks. It has been great getting to know them and seeing their hearts to reach out to Papua New Guineans. We have been blessed to be part of some of the outreach opportunities and been encouraged as they have prayed with and for us. Pray for the team as they teach workshops and continue to minister in the next six weeks that God would use them to show His love to many in the Wewak area.