

Hello,

I am writing this in faith that I will be able to send it tomorrow. Bella and I are back interior now. Our house was in better shape than the last time we came back from a long time away. I suppose that is because no one broke in to it this time. We had put out 10 or so cardboard pieces with rat glue on them. We ended up with about 15 mice (all dead and dried up) several geckos, a bat and even a snake. Of course if we hadn't caught them, they would all have been enjoying themselves in our house. At night we can hear that there are still several more up in our attic. So, we have ordered more rat glue.

Our yard was very overgrown, but several men came by yesterday and asked if I wanted to hire them to cut it. They have been sawing up large fallen branches cutting, weeding and raking things up. It looks better already.

We were able to get everything running again, except our internet. Although we have all the equipment to receive a satellite signal, the company refuses to turn our signal on. We are looking in to an alternate way to get internet. But if everything goes extremely well (btw. Nothing here EVER goes extremely well) we might have internet after about a month. So, meanwhile, we are going to hike up a mountain where we can get a cell phone signal. I am hoping that I can use one of our phones as a "hotspot" to connect to the internet. If you get this, it means that it worked.

When Bella and I returned, there was a flu bug going around that we both eventually got. Because I let myself get really run down (I wouldn't stop exercising) I came down with Malaria as well. We are on the mend now, but it has been two weeks. Since we were sick, the walk back into the village was harder than normal. We walked at 2:30 PM in the jungle and it was HOT (imagine that!). We did make it in though.

We have met with the church a couple of times now, and I plan to meet with the men tonight. I should find out how things generally went while we were gone.

A translation check is scheduled for April 1st in here. That means I need to go through the consultant's notes and questions on the books of John and 1 Corinthians. That will take me some time. After that, I need to send the results back to the checker. So, either our plan tomorrow to hook up to the internet works, or else we will need to go somewhere where we can get a wifi signal.

In some ways it is really good to be back. But at the same time, it has been very hard to be separated from our friends and family again. Thanks so much for your prayers for us. We are only able to be here by the grace of our Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Paul and Bella