

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Harvest Baptist,

We are about halfway through our home assignment. I was talking to someone and they asked me what a "home assignment" is. We used to call these "furloughs", but our agency would prefer that we use the new term.

We have been staying in San Diego at an apartment that my church rents to missionaries at a reduced rate. This apartment is the same one we have staying at every home assignment since 1985. It is about ½ mile from Mission Bay. Bella and I are really enjoying being about to go walking at the bay and riding bikes all around the area here. We have bikes that we store with my brother who lives in this area.

Being back in the U.S. means that we can enjoy church services in English. We also enjoy being about to go to our home fellowship and various Bible studies. We have a little over two months more to do this. Just before Thanksgiving, we plan to drive back to Bella's home area to spend the holiday with her family. Her parents are gone, but she still has many siblings, nephews, and nieces that get together. Bella's family is great, and we love visiting with them.

During our time in the Midwest we also plan to visit with supporters and friends in that area. Around the middle of December, we hope to be heading to Missouri to spend Christmas with our daughter Cori and our son Jamie. In January we plan to head back to Indonesia to finish the revision of the lessons in Sekadau.

In August we were able to make a short trip to Texas to attend our daughter Liana's college graduation. She left college back in 2004. Recently she decided to go back and get her degree. When we went to the graduation ceremony, we turned and asked our granddaughters if their mother had any special awards. They said, they had no idea. It turns out that Liana graduated Summa cum Laude. We find it amazing that she did all of that while she was working full time and raising three girls by herself. And she never mentioned that she got straight "A" while she did it.

I am still working on revising lessons for the believers back in Sekadau. It takes me about 4 hours to revise a lesson and then another hour to make the corresponding power point. The church there has a projector and a computer. All the scripture is projected up on a wall. Different ones from the congregation will read the verses out loud. When appropriate we also try to have pictures that can make the lessons clearer. With everything else we have going on during our time home, it can be challenging to find time to do this.

We hear fairly regularly from one of the deacons in the church back in the village. We left one of our phones with him so that it doesn't cost him anything to call us. He usually calls using a video call. It is strange to be able to see them in their rice gardens while we are sitting in our apartment in San Diego. The news we get from back there is mixed, but that is what we expected. Some folks are doing well, others are not. It does help us to know how to pray from them.

Thank you for your prayers for us and for the church back in Indonesia. Thank you too for the \$100 that you sent to us in July and August.

Yours in Christ,

Paul and Bella

Please pray:

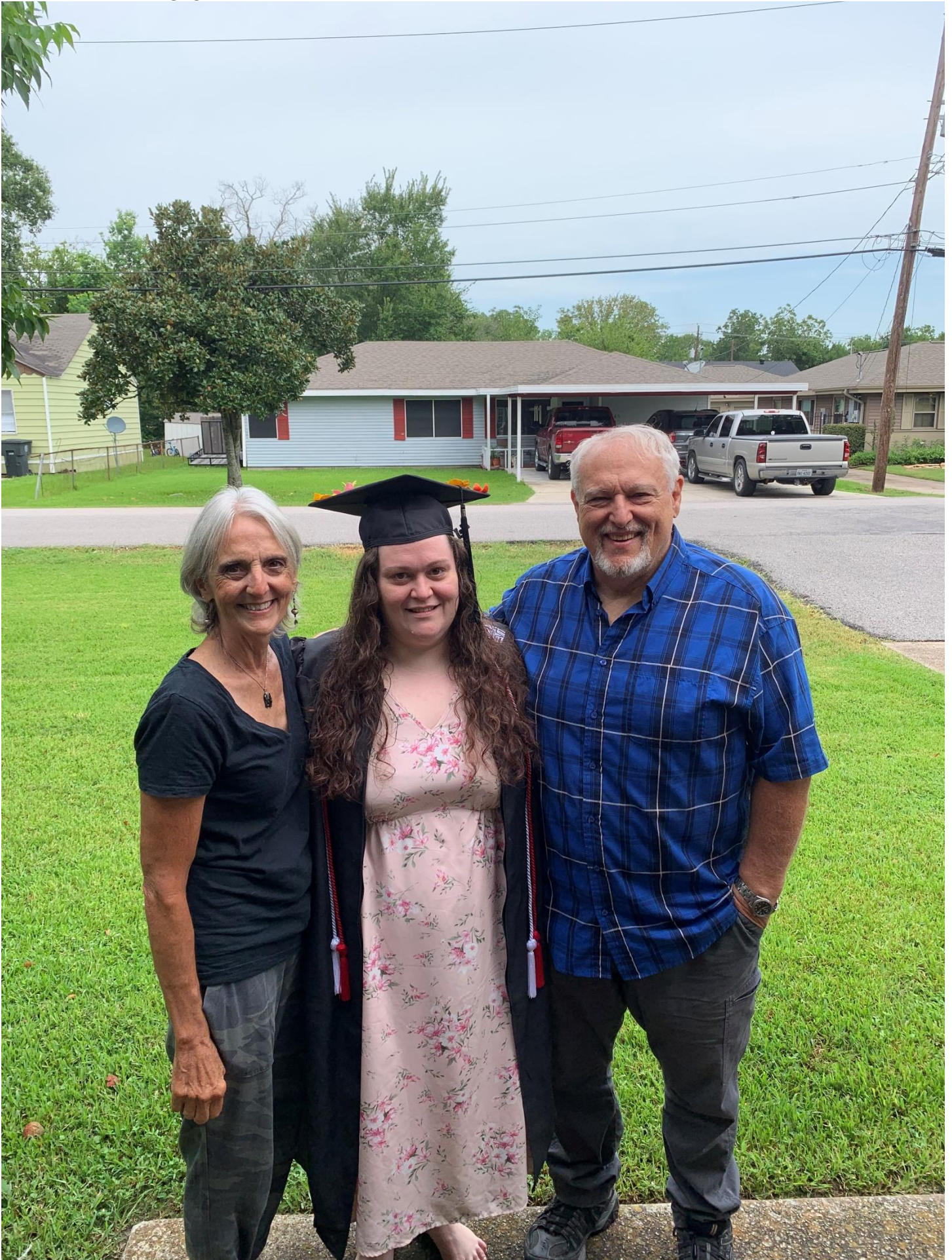
1. That the believers in the church would really work at being an encouragement to each other.
2. That those folks who are out of fellowship will be willing to deal with their sin.
3. That we will continue to make progress on lesson revision.
4. That we will trust God for what comes next in our lives after we are finished in Indonesia. We want to continue serving the Lord in some capacity.
5. That we will be a blessing to the folks we spend time with here.

This is Bella and I hiking in Torrey Pines on our 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary.





Liana our recent college graduate.





Paul sharing in a Sunday School class.



Paul and Bella at a Padres game. The pink hat was a giveaway, and worth every penny we paid for it.

