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Dear Partners in Ministry:

The sweet scent of jasmine wafts under my nostrils, carried along by the cool evening breeze. The winds have shifted in their course, blowing away the stifling humidity of rainy season, ushering in sunny days and the jasmine (which appropriately is called *nait driman*—night dreams) perfumed evening breezes.

These refreshing mountain winds are not the only ones to have changed their course. Thanks to the incense that continually rises before the Almighty, that is, the prayers of the saints, clans divided by hostility are finding a kind of reconciliation and are once again working together for literacy. May our deepest gratitude rise in the next bowl of incense before the Throne. Offer praise that the Musor and Tumai clans are working together again.

Not only are these two clans laying their differences aside, one of the program workers that had been a source of grief to us these last few months seems to have laid aside his grumbling, bad attitude and seems to be interacting with us in a more healthy way. May your many prayers for Kisama be sweet to the Lord. Ask God to bless him with the strength, desire, and character to live a vibrant, contagious faith.

Offer up the incense of praise for Angela's health as well. While she is still experiencing ups and downs in her energy levels, there seem to be more "ups" than "downs". She is coping rather well with the metabolic changes.

Continue to perfume the Throne room with your intercession. We are in preparation for the translation course we are holding September 2 - 6. It is a crucial point in our ministry—what happens these next few months will likely set the tone for the years of effort to come. Ask the God of all grace to be abundant with his showers of grace. Ask the God of all wisdom to be generous with wisdom and understanding. Ask the Giver of all good things to provide men (and women) with the gifts needed for a clear, accurate, and natural translation to be produced. Ask the God of love to saturate all of our blood, sweat, and tears with the aroma of Christ and Spirit that he has placed within us. Ask the Gardner that he will enable the branches to bear delicious, sweet fruit for His pleasure.

Continue to offer prayers for our children. They are growing up in a very different culture than we grew up in. Pray that they will take what is good from it and leave the bad. Ask God to give them sensitivity to his voice and generous and loving hearts (which they already exhibit).

In my prayers, I give thanks for all of you. Your loving interaction in our ministry is a source of pleasure for the Lord and is a blessing to 4,000 Somau Garia. Some of them will look you in the eye in Heaven and thank you that you didn't turn them away just because they lived 10,000 miles away and were of another culture.

May the Lord bless each of you as you enjoy the summer months, holidays, and vacations. I pray that for those of you who will be traveling God will provide you with travel mercies, that your vacations will be refreshing and enjoyable, and that the holidays will be precious family times.

Your servants in Christ,

Todd, Angela, Andrew, Samuel, Abigail, and Hannah