

Hello Friends.

We've now lived in Mot for a little over two weeks. Before we moved here, the people of Mot graciously offered us a house and land to live on for the purpose of our mission work and learning the Murkim language. In the meeting where they gave us the house and land, they expressed their gratitude for the missionaries who came before us. They acknowledged the benefits brought by previous work but shared that they still don't fully understand the Bible because it was preached in Indonesian. They are excited and thankful that we want to help them understand the gospel and God's Word in their own language.

Since the meeting, they've also built a fence around our house and have welcomed us warmly. During January and February, we focused on preparing for our move and settling in. We've been preparing for renovations, such as installing running water and solar power, to make the house more comfortable so we can focus on ministry rather than just survival. Since arriving in Mot, we've begun learning some words and phrases in the Murkim language, as well as gaining some understanding of the local culture. We have greatly enjoyed building relationships with the people here.

Before we share some of our upcoming plans, we are excited to announce that Azariah is going to be a big brother! The due date is toward the end of August, and we are thankful to God for this blessing. With that in mind, we aim to complete our renovations by the end of May to make things more comfortable for Sarah. In the coming months, Lord willing, a team from our sending church will join us to help with the house, along with family from the states and other missionaries who serve here. We are incredibly grateful for all the people who are planning to help and for your ongoing prayers and support.

Please pray for the logistics of these upcoming renovations, specifically for the people who are helping, as well as for us during this significant transition as our family grows. Pray for the hearts of the Murkim people as we begin to minister to them and live among them.

Thank you for your continued love and support.

In Christ's love,

Matthew, Sarah, & Azariah

## Prayer Requests & Needs

- The hearts of the Murkim People
- Our transition to the village of Mot
- Language& culture learning
- For us to grow in Christ



Making a traditional fence



Sunrise from our front porch



Doing laundry

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