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Hey hey,

I trust all is well with all of you?

As you may recall from my last update we have started treating Timi Louise for possibly being autistic. This process is going well. In the mornings I take Timi Louise to physical and occupational therapy three days a week and schooling for children with special needs five days a week. It is at this time in my day when I sit in the car under a shade tree (or if I have spare change at a nearby coffee shop) and do emailing, work on the comic book tracts, and any web maintenance for the mission that I can do without having an internet connection. Then the afternoons are back at home where I spend some time tutoring Timi Louise, doing any internet required work, or if Gloria's driver at the hospital has the day off I drive for her to a distant hospital if she needs to go.

All this transition has been difficult for me as I am not accustomed to staying at home and watching over the child. For many years I would agree with my Christian brethren who would give accolades to mothers for the work that they do at home but now that it is me at home I feel that I am not fulfilling my life's calling. Several different factors equate into these feelings. First are my theological filters that are telling me that there is a basic reversal of biblical roles within our family. I am staying at home caring for our child while Gloria goes off to work. I understand the logic of it all as Gloria has a talent given to her from the Lord to practice medicine and she has deeper roots and what not. Plus she can generate more income for the family than I. I just cannot find it in myself to ask her to walk away from it all but nevertheless biblical roles are biblical roles and I must not deny this fact as well.

A second factor is that it is a blow to my male ego. Now I do realize that this could be under-rooted in my sin nature and I need to continually examine my motives. Yet if we couple the notion of a hurt ego with the fact that there is a biblical role declared by our Father during creation then is it necessarily rooted in sin? Possibly not! Last of all I may have a form of hypocrisy that tells me it is not glamorous to stay home and care for Timi Louise and to gain significance I need to go and "do more for the Lord." Yet if I say "amen" when we praise mothers for staying at home then I need to accept that the work is of value.

Another struggle that I am having is the fact that I found a ministry that excites me tremendously and I was all set to engage in the ministry but then bam!!! I, for a while, was thinking, "Lord, would it not have been better if I never tasted of this ministry opportunity?" But I quickly realized that not only did I see the ministry but I was introduced to a style of ministry that I fully endorse and that is the approach of laying down a biblical foundation utilizing the Old Testament to introduce the gospel so as to bring clarity

to the gospel. I have started taking our household through the New Tribes Mission's Chronological Bible story series with hopes of teaching it to the international community that we are associated with. This would in essence be a resurrection of the church planting efforts that frustrated me last year. The household going through the study is Gloria, Timi Louise, a cousin of Gloria's whom she is putting through college, and a young lady who was working for us but went off and got herself pregnant and now she is with us cooking, cleaning, and changing Timi's diapers and in return Gloria will assist her in the delivery of the baby as we were the only ones she knew who opposed her getting an abortion - now we are putting our money where our mouth was.

Last of all an update on the comic book tracts; I have been looking for an illustrator and a couple of contacts did not pan out. I have another contact and will send him the script in a few days. I, two days back, got the translation work back and it needs just a little tweaking that Gloria will do before I send it to the illustrator. Lord willing the guy will take the job and we can make progress. I have already started writing the next story but I do not want to put a lot of effort into it as I am still not confident that it will get illustrated. If he starts work I am sure I can write the next several stories faster than the translator and illustrator can do their part. Lord willing I can put an English version of the first comic book on the website here some time soon.

Thanks for all of your prayers and support. God bless.

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P.S. The mission (ACTION) wants me to mention that they will be sending you all a Christmas letter in the next month or two. It has been a tuff year for many missionaries and this does affect the main office. T'is the season.

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