

Hills' Spring 2021 Update

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The Heart of the Hills Newsletter, Spring 2021

Dear Friends,

Greetings and Salutations! It's been a while since we last wrote, but even if we've been quiet, the Lord has certainly been quite active in our lives and ministry.

In our last letter, we talked about a leadership change at Seed Company and how the Lord has used new leaders to bring a healthy paradigm shift to the organization. Amidst that season, Dusty's team leader was promoted, and earlier this year he asked Dusty to take his former role on the Global Innovations consulting team. After having served with this team for only 20 months in a role that he deeply enjoys, this came as a challenging surprise and drove us to pray about whether to accept or not. Many of you know of the challenges and stresses we faced in leadership roles in Africa, and we know that repeating that experience could be hazardous to our health. In the end, we felt the Lord's peace that this is a ministry where He can use Dusty's experience and gifts in effective service and have a greater strategic impact on Scripture Translation around the globe.

So this is why you haven't heard from us in a while! As the new Vice President of Global Innovations, he's been drinking out of a fire hydrant of learning



Cooperisms:

Dusty, "Cooper, you're going to drive people nuts!"

Cooper, "Some people like nuts."

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and information. We are so thankful that the team has welcomed him as their new leader and are supporting him in the adjustments that need to be made to the team. Please join us in praying that he can handle the challenges and stresses of this new role and be an extension of God's love and grace to our Seed Company colleagues and our clients around the world.

Meanwhile, it occasionally feels like we are back up to pre-pandemic speed. We're so grateful that the kids are actually in school every day. Tessa finished volleyball and began tennis 3 days later. Jack is playing school lacrosse after his first season in 2020 was cancelled. Cooper is still a free agent (flying a kite in the photo below). We enjoyed time with our family in Texas over spring break, and are looking forward to summer plans this year that were cancelled last year. Jack is looking for a summer job, and Tessa already has one as a lifeguard at our neighborhood pool!

In spite of the many changes and challenges that we have all experienced during the pandemic, we are overjoyed to see reports of God moving around the world with nationals really making great progress in Bible translation. Scripture in many languages continues to be finished, printed, distributed, read, and taught, and that progress happens in no small part because of your prayers and partnership. Thank you!

In His Grip,
Kim for Dusty, Tessa (16), Jack (14), and Cooper (10)

Prayer & Praise

* Praise for God's provision for our family



Traveling the Hill Road

A few trips to Seed Company office in Dallas and waiting for international travel to become safe again

The goal of the Global Innovations unit is:

“To catalyze the flourishing of Great Commission organizations which are inspired and equipped to accelerate Scripture translation and impact”

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- * Praise for Tessa's lifeguarding job
- * Prayer for Dusty to transition well into his new role and for healthy stress management
- * Prayer for summer plans for our family, especially a job for Jack



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