



# Matzke Messenger New Year 2019

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*Tim & Martha Matzke  
serving with Wycliffe*

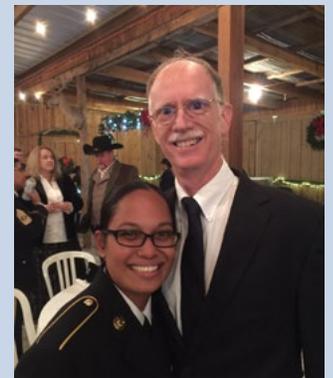
“Wherever you are, be **there.**” This wise advice was given to us many years ago when we arrived in Papua New Guinea. While our minds and hearts sometimes wander back to the Solomon Islands, we are enjoying being in the USA and embracing all the wonderful opportunities available to us here.



### **Family**

It's been wonderful to do things with our girls! From seeing Sarah on stage in Hello, Dolly! to attending the annual Christmas Candlelight Service at JBU to Tim being Emily's companion at her Army battalion's *Night Out*, we are thankful to be a part of their lives in person.

Recently, we were blessed to attend the wedding of Tim's sister in Minnesota. And soon, we will help celebrate the 90th birthday of Martha's dad in Michigan.



### **Friends**

We are grateful for times with friends who have reached out to us, listened, and cared for us in countless ways. They have helped us feel appreciated and loved and it has blessed us richly. In December, we visited the Dallas Arboretum with a visiting colleague and two Solomon Islanders who are studying at Dallas Theological Seminary.

### **Fun**

It's been fun to do things we haven't done for years; attending concerts and plays, and even target shooting at an indoor range. The Dallas Arboretum is a place we enjoy visiting and sharing with friends. We are pretty good at finding 'outside the box' things to do. On one trip we stopped at **Cadillac Ranch**. If you ever drive through Amarillo, it's worth the stop! (We have been there before, but this time we did not add to the spray paint graffiti on the cars.)





## Now that the dust has settled

Now that we are settled into the USA, we have had a chance to 'punch the numbers' and figure out where we stand in regard to our finances. The budget Wycliffe has determined we need to live in the USA is higher than our budget for the Solomon Islands. Based on what we have been receiving, we are currently \$2200 a month short of our budget.

One of our main goals during the next few months is to try reach the target of 100% of our financial support need so that we can be released by Wycliffe to start our next assignment.



## We need YOU!

We are blessed with terrific supporters who faithfully pray for us and financially support our ministry! Thank you!

We are looking for opportunities to share about our ministry and would welcome opportunities to share with home groups, Sunday Schools, church groups, etc. Please contact us to set something up.

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### For your Prayers:

We thank God for;

- wonderful times we have had with our family and friends
- safe travels as we have driven many miles
- times of rest and restoration

Please pray for;

- our continued restoration...
- Sarah as she finishes off her final semester of college and starts applying for jobs
- that God would provide the remainder of our financial support

Finally...we would appreciate prayers for wisdom and guidance for our future. At this point, we are assuming we will return to the Solomon Islands in early 2020, but at this point we do not know our future assignments. As we wait, we are holding everything 'lightly' and waiting to see what God has in mind for us. Please pray that we will know God's will in regard to the future.