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We celebrated the arrival of fall with a visit to Pumpkin Village at the Dallas Arboretum!

While we wait for regular flights into the Solomon Islands to resume, we are making the most of our time here in the USA. Martha is auditing a graduate class, *Principles of Multilingual Education* at [Dallas International University](#). Tim is also sitting in on the class, as we may have a future opportunity to help teach a similar course in the Solomon Islands at the national university.

It's been interesting for Martha to learn more about multilingual education as we hope to both be involved in the continued development of the multilingual education initiative in the Solomon Islands.



We have enjoyed a rich and warm friendship with Rhoda & Carey Morgan for about 30 years. It was delightful to be able to share the wedding day of their daughter, Jocie. Martha served as the wedding day coordinator.



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BREAKING NEWS: Solomon Islands Records First Positive COVID-19 Case - Solomon Times Online

Over the weekend we learned that the Solomon Islands is no longer Covid free. In spite of testing and other precautions, a Solomon Islander student, studying in the Philippines, tested positive after being repatriated to the Solomons. You can read the full story here: [Solomon Times Online](#)

The national airline, Solomon Airlines, just announced they will not resume regularly scheduled flights into the country before January 10, 2021. We feel like we made the right decision to not try to return to the Solomons before January 2021.

Please pray the virus does not spread in the Solomons and that God will make it clear when we should plan on returning.

Orientation for New Members

The two of us met in 1989 when we were serving on staff at an orientation course in south Texas for new members of Wycliffe. Our assignment was to create a school program for the MK's (Missionary Kids) that would prepare them for a cross cultural move and help them progress academically. After we were married, we were assigned to a similar course in Papua New Guinea (PNG) where we again developed a school program. We also ended up being very involved in the adult orientation course.

Just this year, the course in PNG has closed. So we've been asked to help develop a similar orientation course specifically for the Solomon Islands context. Good orientation will be important for helping our teams adjust to their new ministry environment.

We would appreciate your prayers as we work to develop a positive and effective orientation course that will help newcomers learn to love the Solomon Islands. An American family is preparing to go to the Solomons as soon as the country opens up, and we hope to be able to help coordinate their orientation.



Things we are looking forward to:

- A visit from Tim's parents, sister and brother-in-law. It will be fun to show them Dallas and celebrate Tim's birthday together. It's been *decades* since Tim has been with his side of the family on his birthday.
- We are looking forward to serving our community/country as election clerks at a local polling station on election day.



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