

Hi everyone!

Thank you for praying for us this last week...we had a great time with the youth group from Colorado! They were a terrific group and so helpful while they were here. Last year they came to help us landscape our Jungle camp...this year they came to attend Wayumi camp...and they helped us again with landscaping that needed attention. Jungle camp looks so good because of their hard work! Thanks guys!

Love,

Greg & Hannah

For those of you who have been praying for Dale... Dale is recuperating well and beginning to gain in strength...

Here's the WEEK @ update from the SIAR TEAM!!!!

Lane's partner Chris writes:

What feelings are aroused in you when you lose your footing? Think of when you are walking on an icy sidewalk, and the sensation of your feet giving out from beneath you increases with every step you take. I recall a time when I went up to the jungle at night hunting bats with some younger guys and we came to a long log that was about 6-7 inches in diameter that spanned a small gully. As I shined the flashlight into the 20 foot gully, I thought to myself, "I sure hope there is another way around." Some time between my feelings of fear and apprehension, my friends had crossed the log and were already heading further down the trail. I was not only questioning my ability to cross it without falling, but I was also envisioning the log breaking under my weight. What was I going to do? Well, I called one of them back to hold my hand to assist me. Even though I had a hand to hold, the feelings of fear and apprehension were not completely alleviated. To some degree we have all had a similar experience. Fear, apprehension, being unsure of the next step, anxiety, these are all feelings that we can all relate to but certainly do not enjoy.

Well, this is exactly where many of our Siar friends are at right now. They are starting to realize that the footing or foundation of their lives is not so firm and sure as they had previously thought. This last week as we taught through the last 3 days of creation, the Siar's understanding and perspective on life was rocked to the core. Some major themes that were introduced and taught were that God had no beginning and has no end, God is a Spirit - does not have a body (teaching in the context of Genesis 1), and that God, in His unlimited and immeasurable love, created Adam and Eve in His image. Those three themes addressed some worldviews issues of the Siar that are completely contrary to God's word.

- First, God had no beginning. For many this was a brand new concept. Some have NEVER heard that, and once it was presented to them, it had to be explained and retaught a number of different times over the last 3 days. They just couldn't believe that they never knew that God had no beginning. For many that was just the beginning of the realization of their shaky footing.
- Second, God is a Spirit. We know from Genesis 1:2 that God is a Spirit and thereby has no body (remember we are teaching out of Genesis, starting in the beginning, teaching chronologically through the Scriptures). Everyone that we talked to believed that God was a man and had a body. Again, this was a brand new concept to them.
- Third, Adam and Eve were made in God's image (all people are made in God's image). Due to the fact that the Siar believed that God was a man and had a body, they thought that the image of God referred

to God's body. In their belief, since God had a body, He created us with bodies so we would be in His image. That was their belief, and although to a point it is logical, it is certainly unbiblical. Based upon that, some believed and even stated that we - humans - and God are the EXACT SAME.

After taking 3 days to teach and review what the image of God is and what it is not, we can honestly say that God is teaching them and it is awesome to see them for the first time believing in the God of the Bible and His written word. It is a phenomenal experience to be a part of. Many are still coming, some twice a day, to hear the teaching and are beginning to understand the God of Bible, their Creator. Their worldview is being rocked to the core, and this is the first time in the history of the Siar people that it has been rocked this way. There are, however, the expected and understandable feelings of anxiety, apprehension, and uncertainty that have come with this kind of shift in worldview perspective. Life as they know it is not in line with God's word, and they are finally beginning to understand truth from God's perspective. Please be praying that as they hear the teaching of God's word, they would believe it wholeheartedly. There are many more things that are going to rock their lives, and even this coming week will reveal a number of brand new truths to them.

What's coming up this week:

- **Tuesday** - We will be teaching out of Genesis 2 and will explain the meaning of death and teaching more on the character and nature of God as He speaks to Adam. The biblical meaning of death will be a new concept for our Siar friends. Please be praying for them in that.
- **Wednesday** - The creation of Eve will be taught which will highlight that Eve was for Adam because it was not good for Adam to be alone. Eve was God's gift to Adam and he was to look after her and take care of her. The care and concern of a husband to his wife, is a foreign concept to the Siar. The creation of Eve for Adam also tells us that God is a good and loving God and knows what is best for us.
- **Thursday** - We will be taking this day as a review day, not addressing anything new but going over what they have already been taught up until this point.
- **Friday** - the last day of our teaching week we will cover the first 6 verses in chapter 3 of Genesis. These verses are very insightful, they show us the tactics and schemes of Satan. In these verses we will see that Adam and Eve do not believe God's word and they disobey Him in eating of the fruit that God told them not to eat. Chapter 3 of Genesis is widely misunderstood, and a clear teaching of it is paramount if the Siar are to understand who man is and his plight, and what God has done to bring the human race back to Him. Please be praying.

Some things that have been shared with us:

- **Hotli** - "We have just heard for the very first time, today, what the image of God really is; if we heard it today for the first time, what about the rest of the world, when are they going to hear it?"
- **Tintor** - "When I went to the garden today, I wanted to be afraid of the bush spirits but then I remembered that they are not real and are just a lie."
- **Linda** - "Last night I helped a lady give birth (in the village) and I was reminded that God has made that baby in His image, and how He created our bodies to carry a baby and deliver them. I was just thinking about God and how He made us."
- **Nelson** - "We have heard so many lies over the years, and this is the first time that I have heard the truth; it is great!"

Please continue praying for our Siar friends and also for us as a team as we, like in the story above, are holding their hands in this unstable time. Pray that we would be discerning and sensitive to where they are at, and that we would be loving as we teach through God's word. Please also pray that they would continue to find out who God really is and that they would believe in Him and His word.

Chris for the Siar team

Attached Pictures:

Pic 1 - Lane and Chris using a baby pig as an object lesson for being patient to allow God to guide us thru His Word and not "run wild" through the Bible.

Pic 2 - Lane, Jon (grey hair - Translation Helper), and Sali (Lesson Helper) talking after one of the lessons.

