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Dear folks of Mitchell Berean Church,

Happy Easter! What a Joy it is to know that God has already met our Greatest need through the full payment of our punishment of sin by His Son, Jesus!!! How blessed we are to be part of the population of the world who has already heard the good news! What a privilege it is to also be a part of the body of Christ reaching out to the people groups of the world who have not heard the Gospel yet! Thank you for being a part of our ministry together through your giving to our ministry and prayer for us!!!

We are Greg and Hannah Lilley. We have been blessed for several years now from Dorothy Summerville and Mitchell Berean Church through prayer and financial support. We are truly humbled and appreciative of the giving we've been receiving! Thank You!

I'd like to take a moment and tell you a very special story to my family! I have the wonderful privilege of being the husband of Hannah Lilley. Hannah's dad; Robert Ames, went to Nebraska shortly after finishing his duty in the Marine Corp back in 1961. When he came to Nebraska those many years ago...he was not saved... JD Settle's had invited him to come and work on their farm after the Marine Corp. It was during that time that Hannah's dad attended Mitchell Berean Church in the evenings. One day, the then Pastor, Kurt Layman had a mission's conference and during the missions conference...the Pastor asked if anyone would be willing to go to the ends of the world to take the gospel... well... Hannah's dad raised his hand (even though he wasn't saved)...so the Pastor said Ok...and asked to meet with him later that week. Hannah's dad thinks Mrs. Settles filled the Pastor in that he wasn't saved...anyway...it was that night that they met that Pastor Layman led Hannah's dad to the Lord... Pastor Layman had a big part in his discipleship those early years of his faith...Hannah's dad eventually went to Bob Jones University and would come back every summer and work on the Settles farm...after graduating he worked at Back to the Bible...then got married and moved to Pensacola and began working at Pensacola Christian School...where he was challenged into New Tribes Mission... They then served on the mission field for about 25 years. As you can imagine, I am extremely appreciative for the testimony of my Father in Law and the faithful outreach of the dear folks at Mitchell Berean Church. God used Mitchell Berean Church to bring salvation to Hannah's dad and Hannah's family. Hannah has 2 sisters who are also missionaries along with their families and a brother who recently finished his duty with the Marine Corp and is now working in South Texas and is involved in supporting missions as well. Literally the faithfulness of Mitchell Berean church has reached 2 new people groups that had never heard the gospel through Hannah's family. The Joti of Venezuela, and the Dinangat of Papua New Guinea. We are truly thankful for the testimony of the good people of Mitchell! The Settles', the Summerville's, and those that supported Dad and Mom those many years are especially remembered!

Hannah and I became missionaries with New Tribes Mission in 1992. We can't believe it's been 19 years.

Our first 7 years of ministry was at New Tribes Bible Institute in Jackson Michigan. Greg worked in Construction/renovation of the facility, Food Service, and led the Student Activity committee, Hannah worked in Child care and food service.

Our next 7 years of ministry was in Venezuela. We were dorm parents there. Greg ran the finance office, and we both enjoyed hosting missionaries when they came out from the tribal areas in need of some encouragement and rest.

In October of 2005, circumstances in Venezuela changed our ministries abruptly. It was then that the President of Venezuela made new laws against New Tribes Mission of Venezuela, not allowing us to be in the tribal areas anymore. Our home assignment also began that same month. It was during the next several months that it became apparent that our ministry in Venezuela was coming to an end. Early in 2006, we received a phone call from Greg Sanford, the director of NTM mobilization. He asked us if we would like to be a part of NTM Wayumi. A new endeavor located in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. The program is a glimpse of Tribal Church Planting. The desire of the program is to educate young and old alike into the need for the body of Christ to be involved in reaching the unreached people groups of the world with the gospel of Christ. We have been a part of the ministry here at Wayumi since August of 2006.

A short Synopsis of our current ministry is on the next page:

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FIELD: NTM - Jersey Shore - Wayumi

Who: Greg and Hannah Lilley, Luke (16), Levi (15), Lincoln (9), and Lance (5)

WHAT: Title... When groups are here, Greg is the Program Manager, when groups are not here, Greg is busy with finish construction as we renovate the facilities. Hannah works with the ladies in cooking, and cleaning...and of course when groups are here we love to visit with our guests. For more information check out www.wayumi.com

We host:

Wayumi Weekend Retreats, College Wayumi Course, Wayumi Summer Camps, and Youth Day

WHY: Bottom line: We want to see more people involved in full time missions specifically reaching out to the unreached people groups of the world.

DID YOU KNOW? Praise God with us...Lance just got saved! That's 4 for 4 now! How we Praise God that our boys have heard and understood the gospel and accepted Christ as their Savior!



Thank you for your ministry to us these many years!!!! Greg & Hannah Lilley