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“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” ~ Isaiah 40:31

While I wait for my missionary visa approval, this passage gives me hope that this waiting stage is meant to “renew my strength” for the next assignment, rather than tax my strength with the drawn-out disappointment of hope deferred. I desire to use this time to be a blessing wherever I am and learn as much as I can in preparation for the field.

Years ago, God called me to “feed His lambs” (John 15:21), and He has brought many opportunities to both physically and spiritually feed the flock He has currently placed me within, until the time comes that I can “feed His lambs” on the other side of the world. Lately, this has included babysitting, helping prepare meals for families in my Sunday school class, and mentoring teen girls at church. I’ve enjoyed volunteering in the Christian school office and participating in ministries like bus route, teen soul winning, nursery, and choir. My adult Sunday school teacher’s wife has made it her mission to include me as she works with people, follows up on visitors, and cooks meals for events or the sick.

I was thankful for the chance to attend a ladies conference back in April with many ladies from my church. The fellowship and Bible teaching there were valuable for spiritual refreshing and retooling. This month, a group of friends and I got to visit the Elisabeth Elliot exhibit that was in our area. Her lifetime of books and teachings have impacted me since my teen years—it was an indescribable experience to see her handwritten translation work and the Bible and hymnal she used as a young woman on the mission field.

Praise the Lord that my Teammate Bro. Justin Dye was able to get his visa approved to go back to PNG! Now he just needs his wife and four children to be approved as well. **Please pray** that their visas and mine would go through so we can rejoin our Team in Pangia within the next few months. **Please pray** also that I would know how God wants me to best employ this time of waiting for His glory and the good of others.

Thank you for supporting me in prayers and giving so I can go! God bless you!

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Ladies Conference Friends



Elisabeth Elliot Exhibit



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