

# Brollier Family News

Serving In West Africa ~ Brent, Laura, Ethan, Claire



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## Activities:

- ◆ **April 12**—Anniversary
- ◆ **April 26**—Missions evening at Grace Fellowship Church, Grand Prairie, TX
- ◆ **May 16**—Laura's birthday
- ◆ **Late May-mid July**—House sit for PBT colleagues ministering in S. Pacific this summer
- ◆ **June 14-18**—PBT's Resource (workshops for Stateside missionaries)
- ◆ **June 21-27**—Brent travels to Cincinnati for a missions convention
- ◆ **June 22**—Brent's birthday
- ◆ **Spring & Summer**—Continuing on language data processing & working on building up our health & team building activities. Watching and waiting for projected return date to Africa.

## Rest in Peace, Mom Brollier

There were two tragic, unexpected phone calls. The first told me (Brent) that my mom had had a heart attack on Feb. 1. The second my sister answered the morning of Feb. 23, telling us that our mom passed away during the night. I had flown back East only to help everyone with mom's transition to rehab after surgery. However, after the first couple days of seeing her in the hospital, I found I was helping organize for the cremation and a memorial service. The service was beautiful and simple, a time that family and friends reminisced together. Truly, though the loss of her saddened us, we are comforted that she's in better health now than she's ever



Barbara Brollier  
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enjoyed and that she had no fear of death.

My sister has been a remarkable help for dad during this time. Though I was unable to stay there for too long, she drives the 4.5 hours every other weekend to make sure he's adjusting and can deal with the paperwork and organizing the house.

There are literally too many people to thank. So many of you have sent cards of sympathy; to us, to my dad, and I'm sure my sister has received cards directly as well. The extended family stood right there with us. The New Life Christian Fellowship community has taken dad under their wing during this time. So many have prayed for us. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

## Return Timetable

We're still praying for guidance about when to return to W. Africa. At the end of this month (April), our colleagues remaining on the field will meet and discuss the ongoing situation there. Some work in the capital still, many are waiting in the US, and there are only a few in rural areas at this time. It's fairly pointless for us to go back unless we can return to our rural area.

**One of our goals** this home assignment (furlough) is to prepare ourselves physically and emotionally for the stress of living overseas again. Frankly, it was hard on health, our marriage, and kids, and we're working to prepare to *thrive rather than survive*. We're also seeking strategies to treat or cope with Laura's medical issues overseas, which we really must have under control before returning.

**In the meantime**, being in the US provides

an ideal setting for continuing all the linguistic preparation that goes into translation. We have the advantage of access to 5 other closely related languages where Bible translation is ongoing or has been completed. Brent is analyzing those to adapt their work. It's a great place to jumpstart the Konyanka Bible translation.

At this time, we're optimistically projecting a

**September or October** return. Pray for His perfect timing for our return. We look forward to being reunited with friends like

"Abe" (pictured) who need to know the Truth.

## Our Local Film-Strip



Texas Snow Day



Easter Sunday



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Thanks for backing our ministry with your prayers and finances!! Really –thanks.

## Ethan's Orthodontic Work

A routine dental visit last month showed that Ethan needs orthodontic work. A follow up visit at the orthodontist showed that his top jaw has not grown as much as his bottom. Fortunately, his bones are not fully fused and a couple of devices have been designed to widen and elongate his top jaw to be in harmony with the bottom. Still, this will be an annoyance to him for about a year (and a short trip to the US next year to have these removed and a retainer made),

and will require regular follow-up with an orthodontist.

We are grateful that Ethan will not need oral surgery, which had been a concern after the dentist visit.

He's adjusted to his first device without much difficulty so far, but continue to pray with us that he will endure a year of these things. Please pray also that our budget will be able to absorb this expense.

## PRAISES + REQUESTS

- Seeing how He cares for us beneath His wings.
- His timing. Already in US, so no quarantine period like those returning from W. Africa when flying out after Brent's mom's surgery.
- Brent able to support & be with family at his mom's death.
- Housing situation for the summer resolved.
- Ethan's orthodontic appliance is installed and he's doing well. Thankful the dentist caught this at this age.
- Connected "Mara" to a French-speaking church and former missionaries.
- Healing for Laura or a way to manage.
- Strength for Brent's dad (and sister) as they adjust to life without mom.
- Consultations with the right US doctors concerning health issues.
- Full preparation to thrive in our stressful W. African life.
- Scripture story recordings we left behind with national friends would continue to be shared.
- Progress for us in linguistic work & collaboration among translators in 5 related Bible translations.

## Kids' Corner: Ethan 08/19 and Claire 02/11

**Ethan (9)** has been learning Greek and Latin roots and is interested in Hebrew and Greek alphabets. Guess he gets his love of languages from his dad (and mom too). He still devours books by the stack-full. With all that reading he still found time to play on a basketball team and now a baseball team and even takes piano lessons. He has been a real trooper with this orthodontic expander contraption attached to his top jaw. Not much keeps him down.



**Claire (7)** had a lovely princess birthday tea party & just recently lost a tooth. She can now ride her bike without training wheels too. She's really improving in reading in home school and has fun catching lizards and silk worms (caterpillars) with her friends on the center when outdoors. She's a girly-girl tomboy just like her momma. ;) Claire has become really good friends with a fellow missionary kid about her age living nearby. The two of them are peas in a pod, playing together most afternoons and weekends when she's not in school.

## Serving in rural West Africa



Our friend "White Shoes", Kon religious leader

### Money Matters:

We're going to be in the US longer than we had expected. Pray that the Lord provides for our living and health expenses as long as we stay here. He has a plan.

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