



A Worthy Little Truck

Before the mission houses, guest hut and dormitory were buildings, they were mere bags of cement and pieces of metal and other supplies sitting in various stores in the main city. They were trees and bamboo yet to be fallen and cut apart by loggers in the forest. All those pieces and parts had to all be hauled and brought to the airbase to be put together, piece-by-piece, over the years, for them to become something usable. To become a blessing. A good share of those parts and pieces were all brought together by the same worthy little truck, the Toyota Highlander.

The truck was bought about 16 years ago and one of the missionaries had the great vision to put a rack on top that folded up and back to better accommodate any load.

Countless people have ridden on top of that grill, bumping over dusty roads and highways. Sometimes the rain would start to fall, making those up on top feel chilled to the bone. At dusk all the bugs like to come out and those up top quickly learn the importance of keeping your mouth shut. And you'll never forget the feeling of being whacked in the face by a circadian as you travel down the highway! But, it's a way to get to places. It's a way to get things done. It's our way of life. It



would have been impossible to do some of our outreach programs if it hadn't been for the extra lugging capacity of the grate on top of the truck.

The grate is now breaking where it was once welded. Living close to salty ocean air speeds the corrosion and it's time to make a new one. In order to save costs, our project manager thought it would be a good idea to have me make one. As you may recall in a former letter, I have learned how to weld. I am nervous that if I don't do it right, it will break under the heavy loads we need to carry. BUT, I also know that this is God's truck and He is the one who has enabled me to weld. I have put all my confidence in Him, and I know He will guide me to make the best grate possible to accomplish his work.

Thank you for the support and prayers that provide the needs of the workers and people in our village. We are blessed by you!

Do not, therefore, fling away your [fearless] confidence, for it has a glorious and great reward. For you have need of patient endurance [to bear up under difficult circumstances without compromising], so that when you have carried out the will of God, you may receive and enjoy to the full what is promised. Hebrews 10:35-36 (Amplified Bible)

God bless you!

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