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The irises and laurel are in full bloom. Unfortunately, so are the mulberries and ragweed.

Greetings, and welcome to the first newsletter for Richard and Josi Ingram with Pioneer Bible Translators!

Spring Is In The Air

It is spring here in Arizona! Spring is one of the best times of the year here—the days are beautiful, you have to get to work in the yard, go hiking, or other outside activities. The nights are cool, and it is a wonderful time to spend eating on the patio, letting the soft breezes blow through the open windows and doors. Going out for a drive to view the wildflowers that cover the hills is very relaxing.

All the little animals are out and about. The quails are hatching their little ones, and then running around in lines with daddy, ten or so babies, and mom bringing up the rear. (Josi says “They are soooo cute! Richard thinks “Dinner!”) The “buzzards” are back, too. Well, not real buzzards, but turkey vultures that migrate here for the summer. Ugly faces by any standards, but when they fly, they soar like hawks and eagles, and are truly remarkable to watch. We’re also on the waiting for the bats to return for the summer. Josi really enjoys bats and is interested in their conservation. We found three colonies of fruit bats around Globe last year and are looking forward to photographing some before we leave.

The irises in our front yard came up this year for the first time. They are all purple, and there must be 50 blossoms right now and more than that many buds still to bloom! The roses all have buds on them, and the laurel is covered with bunches of lavender blossoms. This is the time of year that makes the summers worth putting up with!

We will miss a lot of this, but we know that God has many blessings waiting for us in Dallas, and we are so looking forward to them! Things will be different, but that does not mean bad, we will learn to love new things, and new people.

We have gotten to the point in waiting to move that we’re running out of things to do. Richard has been doing a lot of painting and work that wasn’t going to be done before we moved. Yard work was one thing he was hoping wouldn’t need to be done. Josi is developing new hobbies; she has started working on some mosaic pieces, and doing some sewing for people. We have to get back into storage and pull out the summer clothes that were packed away, and a couple of times we have gotten into boxes that we have decided we could get rid of, after packing and thinking we needed to keep the stuff! That is good, the less we move, the better!

We’ve also been learning lessons from God. Through this waiting, we are learning more about patience, His provision, and forgiveness. We are spending more time together studying and praying than ever before. God is really blessing us while we wait on His timing for selling the house.

Prayer Concerns

There are several things we would like you to pray about. Our two top concerns are, of course, the sale of our house here in Globe, and the funds we need to raise for Pioneer Bible Translators.

- Specifically, we ask you to pray for the people the Lord has lined up to buy and live in this house. We ask for blessings on them, and for His perfect timing. We also ask for our continued patience as we wait on Him.
- Regarding our fundraising, we are at the halfway mark toward raising what is needed! We ask for your prayers for God to work on the hearts of those He would use to send support, to give us favor as we talk to the ministers and missions committees of churches, and to give us wisdom and leading on who to contact and how to go

Information we asked about on the reply card:

- Would you like to be on our email or phone prayer list?
- Would you like to receive our newsletter by email, instead of regular mail, helping us save on postage?
- Would you like more information about Pioneer Bible Translators?
- Would you be willing to give to the support Richard and Josi need to raise for their ministry with Pioneer Bible Translators?
- Do you want to stop receiving mailings from Richard and Josi Ingram?

Please contact us with this information. Just send an email to us or drop us a note in the mail.

Thanks!



The bunnies are all over the place, along with this Jackalope that we found in our backyard.

about it. This is the hardest part of our mission work, but it is necessary for us to live. Our entire “paycheck” is dependent on the pledges and offerings we receive from our supporters! We constantly need your prayers lifting us up as we seek out our financial support.

- We have no insurance at this time, and are having many problems with allergies this spring. Fortunately, God has been protecting us from more serious maladies.
- We love to joke about this, but we are getting a real lesson in patience “waiting on the Lord,” and we want to get it right, and not have to learn it again!
- God has led us to begin working with Pioneer Bible Translators. Keep our new mission in your prayers. They are growing fast, there is so much to do, and they seek to keep their eyes on the Lord at all times.
- Keep our old mission, Arizona Reservation Ministries, in your prayers. They, too, have so much to do on the San Carlos Apache Reservation, and they need your constant prayers.

A Little Bit of Business

Most of you who are reading this, received a stamped, reply card in our last mailing. Many of you have returned those cards, and we thank you, but many have not. If you still have those cards, we encourage you to drop them in the mail as soon as you can. The information you provide on those cards will help us to better communicate with you. For those of you who are new to our letters, or who did not receive the card, the information we requested is included in the sidebar on the left of this page.

We have two lists of Prayer Partners—one by phone and one by email, two if by sea—no, that’s something else entirely. Phone partners are those who would like to be “on call” for any emergency needs, that we can call upon for immediate and/or very serious or personal needs, who will pray with us. The email partners are those willing to commit to receiving less emergency items, but more “up-to-the-minute” requests than the newsletter can contain.

And then there is support. Yes, there is that again. We are always bringing that up! We need your prayers more than anything else, because God can make manna fall from heaven, but He cannot make His people pray! However, He has set up a strange kind of bookkeeping in which He blesses those who give with more and more! We are halfway to the support we need for Pioneer Bible Translators. You can make a monthly commitment or a single, special gift. All gifts are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt within a couple of weeks. All checks must be made out to Pioneer Bible Translators and, for tax reasons, cannot have our name on them anywhere! They must be sent to us, however, and we forward them on. Also, if you don’t want to send a check in the mail, you can now make direct electronic funds transfers or credit card payments for ongoing monthly gifts. Ask us for more information.

Thank you all for your faithful prayers and support of us. I know the waiting must seem strange to some of you. The Bible says, “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; they shall walk and not faint.” We are using this this as a time of renewing our strength. We know that there will be a lot of walking and running when we get to PBT, and we will need the renewed energy to keep us going. As we said earlier, we are learning a lot about faith, patience, and forgiveness, and are thankful for the lessons God is teaching us during this time. Please bear with us as we continue to wait on the Lord.

We pray for the Lord’s richest blessings to come to you and yours

In service to Him,

Josi and Richard Ingram
Missionaries Serving Missionaries