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Greetings to everyone! It is amazing to think that summer is almost over, schools are getting ready to start up again, cooler weather is on the way, and we are preparing for a very busy fall!

Josi is working on the Fall Banquets for PBT, and is in charge of the one that will occur October 22, in Ft. Worth, TX, and one that will happen March 5, 2010, in Phoenix. The end of August she will spend a few days in Phoenix, setting things up for the Spring Banquet. It is exciting to use the organizational skills she developed planning banquets for so many years, working with volunteers, and coordinating events. It is amazing to see the way jobs, hobbies, and experiences of the past are all used by God to make us ready for what He has called us to do here!

Richard has been setting up people in the office with new computer systems. Ordering new computers, moving everything over, keeping existing systems running, and keeping up with updates has kept him busy. He, too, finds that he uses the skills he developed in the secular world daily for God's glory! It is really awesome and humbling to see how well we were prepared for this calling, when we had no idea we would ever be somewhere like this! Next time we start worrying about being unprepared for something, we must remember this lesson! God is not surprised, and He has been preparing us since we gave our lives to Him. If we trust Him and His care for us, we will never fear being unready, no matter how we feel. Hard lesson to hold onto, but so important to our faith!

As soon as the banquets are over, the National Missionary Convention is here again! This year it is in Peoria, IL. We are not going to be able to go, but we will be part of getting everyone prepared to go, and holding down the fort while they are gone.

As soon as the NMC is over, the holidays are here! We are planning to go to Phoenix this year for Thanksgiving, so that will mean travelling again. We can make it some vacation time, and do some visiting that we didn't get to this spring when we were there. Then, back home, it is Christmas, and 2010! Time flies!

NACC

Our trip to the North American Christian Convention was wonderful! We connected with a number of people at the PBT booth, met up with some old friends in other booths, made some new friends, and met some new friends, who are old friends of our old friends! We got to spend some great time with our friends in Erlanger, KY, saw 4th of July fireworks with new friends in Memphis, TN, Josi got to see her first Civil War Battlefields and Museums, and tons of fireflies! It was a delightful trip, but good to get home again.

A plea for support!

We are living at just over 50% of our annual budget. We invite you to partner with us as we minister with Pioneer Bible Translators. There is no amount too small—many people donating ten dollars a month makes a big addition to our monthly funds!

To Everything There is a Season...

This is an exciting time of year for the office crew. All the new recruits are here, starting training, and we have a whole bunch of people to get to know! Everyone takes turns having them over for dinner, so our social lives are full, but we all remember what a blessing it was to us when we first moved here, to have someone feed us and take the initiative to get to know us. We had a family of seven over the other night, and the dogs thought they were in heaven with all those kids to pay attention to them! This was a good-bye dinner, as they are going to Canada for French language school, to prepare for going to the field. It is definitely a bittersweet part of the job, getting to help people move on to the fields, but having to say good-bye when they do! Still, God is good, and there is no regret!

What's happening in Bible Translation? Part 2

In our last newsletter we began sharing some of the accomplishments in the field. Here are a few more:

Missionary Family 7 (Guinea, West Africa): We completed the rough draft of Acts and an exegetical check through chapter 14.

Missionary Family 8 (Papua New Guinea): We completed the peer and consultant check of 1 and 2 Thessalonians, Revelation, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, 50 new shell books were produced for literacy program. We finished translating the last five chapters of Mark and did the first six chapters of John. We held a prayer course for 35 local leaders.

Family 9 (Northern Eurasia): Continue to plug away at language learning, dealing with visa issues, adopted 2 children, and now we are ready to check Mark.

Missionary Family 10 (East Africa): We helped 15 nationals completed Bible Translation training through Word for the World. We developed a strategy with three other sister organizations to reach every language group in East Africa.

Missionary Family 26 (Ukraine): we completed a calendar to help with scripture in use, started learning new language, completed the renovation of centralized office.

We will continue to share more of these with you. We are excited to be working to fulfill the Great Commission. We look forward to the completion of Christ's mandate for all the people of the world.

We challenge you to share in the blessings this work brings. Stand beside us as we work as fishers of men!

God's Provision

A number of you have stepped up and become supporters this last month, and we cannot express our thanks enough for those answers to our prayers. We praise God for each of you who care about us, and continue to receive our newsletters and keep up with what we are doing. We know that the financial situation is confusing. We have been asked why we don't get a paycheck, and why God doesn't just provide for us, if He called us here? Both questions have the same answer. We don't get a paycheck because God wants His people to be intimately involved with His Missions, and so, He wants them to support them with their prayers, their time, and their money. Our Father loves us as much as He loves those in other lands, and He knows that if we think that it is "someone else's job" to do Mission work, we will lose out on the blessings that come with our involvement. That does not mean that everyone has to pack up and head for darkest Africa—there are so many other things to do! God calls people to send, to train, to advocate in their churches, to pray, to provide care, to be Forwarding Agents, to do support work, and to partner financially. There are never enough, we always need more of all of these things in Missions work! A prayer partner and supporter of ours passed away last month, several partners have lost jobs, there have been health concerns that have come up, and we have special, emergency needs, too. We are willing to share with you how the process of raising our own funding works in greater detail, if you are interested.

Your gifts are a great blessing to us, and we would not be doing this without you and your support.

In Christ's Service



Prayer and Praises

- Richard's sister, Sharon, has been placed on the national list to receive a kidney from any donor, living or deceased, adult or child. She is eligible for the transplant for only two more years, then she will be taken off the list. Pray for a creative miracle in her body or a donor to be available soon.
- Our finances are still behind our annual budget. Pray for more partners to stand beside us as we minister with Pioneer Bible Translators.
- Pray for discernment and wisdom as we make decisions about traveling to speak with churches and partners in the Fall. Our initial plans have narrowed to visiting churches and partners in Tennessee, Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana.
- Keep Ed Carter and his family in prayer as they adjust to life without Amy. She went to be with the Lord last month.
- Keep Josi in prayer as she travels and makes preparation for the PBT banquets in Fort Worth and Phoenix. Also keep Matt in prayer as he makes preparations for the banquet in Dallas.
- Pray for the many students who are seeking God's will for their lives as they start classes at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics.
- Continue to pray for God's work through PBT in East Africa, West Africa, North Eurasia, Ukraine, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Rim.
- Pray for Shannon, Joe, Bill and Jean, and many other friends and family members as they make prayerful decisions about their finances and directions in their lives. These economic times lead us to some tough decisions.