

Missionaries Supporting Missionaries



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Well, 2009 is off to a fine start. The first few days brought us our first experience of an ice storm here in Dallas. The highs were in the mid-30's, and it was raining a lot. The rain froze onto everything except the ground—thank the Lord--and was beautiful! It is especially nice because we were warm and dry here in our snug rental house. Each twig was encased in a sheath of ice, and each branch was drooping much lower than usual. The windows steamed up and the dogs couldn't decide whether they REALLY had to go out or not. The strangest part of this was that two days before, it was 80 degrees out! We were in short sleeves and running around outside. We had to turn the air conditioner on in the house (there are no screens on the windows or doors), and use the fans inside! We were warned that we should not really put away seasonal clothing here, because this sort of thing is common all year round. That will be a real change from Arizona! Of course, we didn't really HAVE any winter clothes in Arizona! Now we're into our second freezing rain, but this time we are prepared! We have the fireplace going and we are staying warm.

As we were finishing up this newsletter, Dallas got hit by another winter storm. The low hit 20 degrees, the lowest in about 26 years! It came with drizzling rain which layered the roads, and most annoyingly, the cars. It took over half an hour to chip the ice off the windows and Richard had to use a screwdriver to pry open the door on one vehicle. A very slow drive to the office was in order. Josi chose to work from home—as did most of PBT and the Wycliffe campus.

We pray that you all had a blessed Christmas and are starting a wonderful New Year! We took a couple of days for Christmas and went to Albuquerque to be with Richard's sister, brother-in-law, and their daughter who came down from Portland, OR. Neither of us have ever had white Christmases, so it is was a treat when they had snow all over the ground, then the day after Christmas got another 8 inches. We just prayed for it to be good for us to head home, and it was. Beautiful weather, clear roads, not much traffic and great gas prices all the way.

Josi is beginning to plan her travelling for her Mobilization and Development position. Her first trip will be the first week of February. She is working on some new brochures for PBT and Donor Packets. She is also in on planning the ground breaking for PBT's new building this spring, and the dedication, hopefully to be this fall. The Gift Opportunity Catalogue for next year and the fall banquet are already in the works, too. It is very exciting, and keeping her busy. She is getting to use her art training and creativity much more than she thought she would. She also has a group of women at the office who want to learn sewing and quilting, and will be teaching them now that we have a good place to have them over. She got to design the carrying bag for the newest translation of the Bible that has been completed! PBT supplies waterproof bags to carry the Bibles in to protect them from the weather, but the latest Guinea translation came out a different size than the copies in some of the



We stayed comfy near our fireplace during the winter storms.

other languages. Consequently, a different style of bag had to be designed, and someone said, "Doesn't Josi sew?" So the project was brought to her to design and make up a prototype. PBT will then be recruiting groups from churches to make the bags so they can be sent with the new translations.

Richard has settled in as an IT Specialist. He has become the go-to man for computer user problems in the office and for many problems from the field. He's been doing the installation of software on new computers for missionaries as they prepare to go to their fields and has taken over some of the computer purchasing duties. He's just placed an order for several laptops for nationals who are helping some of the translation projects in Papua New Guinea.

It's always hard to go back to school, but the two of us are taking a class one night a week. Perspectives on the World Christian Movement. It is a ministry of the US Center for World Mission hosted by dozens of local churches. It is part of our training for PBT, but is available to anyone who is interested. Check out their website at www.perspectives.org. Some of the things we are learning is God's view on missions, His calling to His people, and His purpose to bless all peoples so that Christ will be served and glorified among all peoples.

We have also begun getting involved with our church here, Southwest Christian Church. We just helped our Sunday School class with a breakfast for the Ronald McDonald House in Fort Worth. And we finally have to admit to being "mature" adults by getting involved with the Mature Adults Growing In Christ group. Ahh, youth flees away...



One of the West African families anxiously awaiting the arrival of their new Bibles!

Pioneer Bible Translators has reached a major milestone. The Bible translation for a tribe in West Africa has been completed. This is the first full Bible to be produced completely by PBT. It has taken over twenty years for this project to come to fruition. Now comes the task of getting these Bibles to them so they can read God's Word in their own language and hold it in their own hands. Truly a praise to the Lord!

Late last year, Pioneer Bible Translators completed the purchase of land for new offices. The ground breaking ceremony will be taking place on March 7. If you would like to come join us, feel free to contact us.

We'd love to have you here! Construction will begin shortly thereafter and is expected to be complete by the end of 2009. Then we get to move the current offices onto the new property and begin construction of a second office building, as well as a prayer chapel where a 24/7 prayer vigil will be held for the continued translation of God's Word.

We are setting up a trip for April 6-27 going through Phoenix, Southern California, Las Vegas, and Albuquerque. During the trip we will be speaking with a few churches, meeting with new friends at "Dessert Nights" to casually share stories and our ministry with PBT. Along the way we are praying to have more people join us in prayerful and financial partnerships. Easter is the first weekend on our trip and we are looking forward to seeing family and friends in Phoenix. If you are in these areas and would like to host one of the Dessert Nights, please contact us for more information.

Both of us would love to hear from you. We've made a lot of new friends here, but miss our old friends very much. God is blessing us on a daily basis and teaching us new things. We pray that you, too, are being blessed by God.

In Christ's Service,



Prayer Concerns

- Josi is travelling to St. Louis and Memphis when you receive this. Keep her in your prayers for travel mercies.
- We are working on plans for a trip to raise partners who will work with us financially and in prayerful support. We will be on the road April 6 through the 27th.
- Praise the Lord for the publication of the entire Bible for a people group in West Africa.
- Pray for the construction of PBT's new offices in Dallas.
- Pray for workgroups who will be coming to help construct the new offices for PBT.
- A dear friend from Richard's youth was recently diagnosed with Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, a blood/skin cancer of the lymph system. Pray for healing.

Would you like to help with the construction of PBT's new offices? Contact us for information on how you can bring a workgroup to share in the task.