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A Lot is Happening

In our last newsletter we mentioned Josi's illness and health worries.

God is gracious and handles all our worries. Josi was eligible for funding to cover expenses for exams and any follow-up treatments necessary. However, the results of her second exam were completely negative. The worries of cancer were due to an "overzealous interpretation" of the results. She has no sign of cancer.

God is gracious and handles all our worries. We've been renting our house on a month-to-month basis since our lease was not renewed in December. The owners of our house decided they would sell it this year to finance a move out of state. We expressed a desire to purchase the house, but we needed to come up with the down payment. The funds we were able to put aside just didn't begin to reach the amount we needed. In mid-June we received a notification that we had to move by July 31 so the house could be vacant to be sold. One week later we met with the owners to negotiate a contract for the purchase of our house! A benefactor provided the funds necessary for the down payment. The contract is signed and we are now waiting on the approval of the financing for our house.

Did I tell you that God is gracious and handles our worries?

Building Project

PBT is moving along well with the building of our new International Service Center, on our property across the street from our current location in Dallas. The outer wall frames are up and the interior walls are being put into place. The interior walls were constructed by teens at the National Missionary Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Many of those working on them were from our church in Fort Worth, Southwest Christian Church.

A large part of Josi's job is with the Work Teams for that project. She contacts churches, sends out the Work Team Packets, helps make arrangements for groups to come, and is part of the team that welcomes the groups. Josi was instrumental in designing a Work Team Packet that is being sent out to churches all over the country, explaining the needs we have, how to put together a team, instructions and costs involved. She acts as the contact person for teams, and as the liaison between churches and our building project coordinators. This is just one of the many ways that God is using past experiences that He brought us through in our work at PBT.

Richard is gearing up for his part of the building at the end of July. He is responsible for the installation of the data and phone cabling in the building. He's working right now on purchasing all the necessary items to make it all happen.

If you can come to Dallas July 26-August 4, we'd love to have your help!

Phenomenal Growth

Since last October, new translation projects have begun in East Africa representing 2 million speakers. PBT now translates the Bible for 19 million people speaking 49

languages in 10 countries. Over 130,000 verses have been rough drafted, checked through various stages, or published in the last nine months. In all, over 400,000 verses of the Bible, the equivalent of 55 New Testaments, have been rough drafted.

A New Testament was recently published for a group in South Asia. The New Testament for a people group in West Africa is in the final stages of publishing. Two projects in Papua New Guinea are steadily moving to completion.

The Holy Spirit is increasing Pioneer Bible Translators. He made Richard and Josi part of a team that is working toward the goal of providing enduring access to God's Word in every language.

Looking Ahead

The first couple of weeks of June are usually occupied by Pioneer Missions Institute, a series of classes and activities for new recruits and those who are interested in learning more about Pioneer Bible Translators and Bible translation. One day during lunch we were conversing with a couple serving in Southern Eurasia. They mentioned a project that perked up Richard's ears—they were planning to build a studio to record Scriptures for the people group they were working with. After some discussion, we are planning a trip next Spring to help build this studio. As our plans take shape, pray for God's guidance and blessing on the project. We will need your help to raise funds for this project.

Are You Part of God's Provision?

Even though we are buying our house, we are not on firm financial ground. Our income is entirely based upon the support we raise from individuals and churches. Most of these partners give between \$10 and \$100 each month.

However, our current level of support is only sufficient to cover about 56% of our annual budget, a shortage of about \$28,000. That sounds like a lot of money, but not for God. It breaks down to about \$2,300 a month. If God can bring us a down payment for the house, He can bring us partners to help with this amount. Can you be one of God's Providers? We need the following additional partners:

- 2 additional congregations providing \$400 per month
- 4 additional individuals or congregations providing \$200 per month
- 4 additional individuals or congregations providing \$100 per month
- 6 additional individuals or congregations providing \$50 per month.

If you are not a current financial partner with us, please prayerfully consider joining us. You can give through a monthly check, an automatic withdrawal, or a credit card. Contact us for additional information.

We are forever grateful to our current partners. They have sacrificed through the current recession.

Just as God has been blessing us, we pray for His blessings for you.

Prayers and Praises

- Praise! God has provided the means for us to purchase the house we are renting. Pray for the financing to be approved in the next few days.
- Praise for our financial partners.
- Pray for PBT to grow into a team that translates Scripture for 33 million people in 69 languages by 2014.
- We have friends in various regions enduring drought right now. Pray for rain to bring drinking water.
- Pray for volunteers for the building project. Also pray for the building to be completed this year within budget.
- We are travelling to visit supporters and churches next month. Pray for God to lead us to new partnerships.
- Praise! God works miracles. Walter, our friend in California with cancer is recovering from a stem cell transplant. His white blood cells are increasing. Continue to pray for his recovery. He is very susceptible to secondary infections during this time.
- Praise for our prayer partners who "have our backs" in so many ways.
- Pray for our decision and financial support to travel to Eurasia next year.
- Pray for continued progress in the many translation projects that are underway.
- Pray for God's enduring Word to transform lives.

