

Missionaries Supporting Missionaries



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Finally, in Dallas!

Greetings, everyone! A lot has happened to us since our last newsletter! In fact, a lot has happened today while we were working on this newsletter! Let's get everybody up to speed:

Our house in Globe, AZ, finally sold at the end of August. We have moved from there to Dallas, TX, to take up our new jobs with Pioneer Bible Translators. We had an uneventful trip; our dogs rode well and Bill and Jean Cook came along to help us drive and keep us company. We had a gang help us unload in less than 90 minutes. Most of our possessions are now in two storage units—this is a big change from the six units we had when we moved to Globe from Phoenix.

For the first month we lived in a room of the Guest House on campus. Ahh, back to dorm life! We actually got pretty comfortable there. We also moved into our offices and jobs at PBT. We are making a lot of new friends, but are going to miss a lot of old ones, too.

Richard went down to Galveston to help a young couple connected to PBT salvage their belongings after Hurricane Ike. They lost a lot of their stuff, but were able to recover some of their belongings. They are moving into a hotel near Galveston as they prepare to go back to medical school there.

Then we got a phone call from the manager of our storage units. Someone had broken in and set fire to one of the units in the building one of our units is in. We had to go over and check to see if we had any damage from smoke or water. We did not—thank God—but about 8 units in the building were completely burned out. Our stuff is a bit smoky smelling, but we can take care of that. We got to talk to the people who were the targets of the arsonist, and are praying for them. Thankfully, no people were injured, but several families lost a lot of their belongings.

New Address

Take note of the new address in the column to the left. This is a PO Box that we will use for our all of our PBT correspondence.

We have been shopping for a house and there were several that we liked. We made offers on a couple of these and were outbid each time. Finally, we received word while writing this newsletter that our offer on a house was accepted. Woo-Hoo! Praise the Lord! We're getting a house! Now we begin the process of working out the mortgage and doing the work that always comes with an older home—carpet, paint, plants, and all that. However, by the end of October we should be moving into our OWN home! And our little family (two- and four-footed) should all be back together.

What are we doing?

Josi is settling in as the Assistant to Church Mobilization. She is working on the annual banquet for Pioneer Bible Translators that will take place October 30. She is also travelling to churches in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex to share the vision of PBT and to raise awareness of the work we are doing among the Bible-less peoples of the world. An exciting project she is working on is the assembly of a "Christmas Catalogue" of projects in several of the fields overseas that can be "adopted" by those partnering with PBT.

Richard has taken up duties as IT Specialist. He is now the main desktop support person for PBT and is working on keeping email addresses current, purchasing computer equipment, and system-wide backups. He and Stephen Fierbaugh are hard at work supporting the computer needs of the missionaries overseas and those serving the Lord here in the United States.

We are attending Southwest Christian Church in Fort Worth. We have mentioned this church before, with Rusty and Carol Howard. Rusty was Richard's Youth Pastor when he was in High School, and they were dorm parents when we were at Pacific Christian College, in Fullerton, California, and Rusty married us in 1977! It has been fun renewing the old acquaintance, and the people in the congregation have been very nice and welcoming. They support a PBT couple who are overseas now, so they are familiar with our work.

As we prepare to move into our new home in a couple of weeks, we look back and see how the Lord has been working in our lives to bring us here. For the last couple of years, many of the things we have gone through have prepared us for His work here. Some of our experiences have trained us for our new jobs. Some are being used to teach us better communication and work habits. He has made us so grateful to be here! We are thankful for the path that led us here, and the many people we met along the way who shared the journey with us! Thank you for coming along for the ride!

Will You Partner with Us?

Pioneer Bible Translators exists to disciple the Bible-less, mobilizing God's people to provide enduring access to God's Word. We have become part of a team, brought together to help fulfill His plan. This team has plenty of room for others—not all have to go out into the far-flung corners of the world.

You can become part of this team! Would you join by praying for us and by financially supporting our ministry with Pioneer Bible Translators? Would you like us to come to your Sunday School class or Bible Study group? We would enjoy coming to share our ministry and the work of PBT with you church.

As always, 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. Go to www.omrisson.com for more information.

More Giving Opportunities

Pioneer Bible Translators has been approved to participate in the 2008 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) again this year, for the third year in a row. The CFC is a service provided to all military and federal employees, which allows them to designate charitable giving through their workplace. Tax-deductible gifts can be given each pay period through automatic payroll deductions, or as one-time gifts by check or cash. PBT is listed under national/international unaffiliated agencies in the CFC brochure. Federal employees may designate Pioneer Bible Translators as the charity of their choice during this year's campaign by writing #11481 on their pledge form. Every gift will help provide Bibles in the heart languages of those who need it.

If you are interested in partnering with us through this program, please let us know and we will send you more detailed information.

By the way, there are prayer aides and information available from PBT. If you would like to receive these, please let us know. Also, if you would like to help us save on postage, send us your email address and we will start sending this newsletter electronically.

We pray our Lord's richest blessings on you and yours.

In service to Him,



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Prayer Concerns

Our income is totally dependent on the giving of partners like you. We realize that the current economic situation will have adverse affects on many of our friends and many churches. We pray that God will guide you in your prayers and financial partnership with us and Pioneer Bible Translators.

We have about 50% of our budgeted support. Please pray for God to work on the hearts of those He would send to partner with us, to give us favor as we talk to the ministers and missions committees of churches.

Increased fuel costs have had a major impact on our budget for this year. Please keep our travel expenses in your prayers.

Please keep Pioneer Bible Translators 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.

Richard's sister, Sharon, is preparing for a possible kidney transplant. Pray for her healing and pray for wisdom and discernment in choosing the right donor. Sharon's children and Richard are possible donors.

Josi's niece, Andrea, is having some serious health and family issues. Lift her and her family up in prayer.