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Travel Itinerary

10/30-11/2—New Life City, Albuquerque, NM

11/3—Community Christian Church, Apache Junction, AZ

11/4—First Nations Ministry, San Carlos, AZ

11/5-11/7—Cactus Christian Fellowship, Phoenix, AZ

11/8-11/10—Tucson, AZ

11/11-11/16—Paradise Hills Community Church, Henderson, NV

11/19-11/20—Tijeras, NM

11/21—New Life City, Albuquerque, NM

11/22—Tijeras, NM



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Travelling

We are travelling through the Southwest in November. Check our itinerary. If you'd like us to visit you on our way through your neck of the woods, give us a call.

Inspiration Unaware

Sometimes inspiration can come from the strangest places.

Recently, we attended the memorial service of PBT's chaplain, Tim Wright. He became ill last year and had surgery to remove a brain tumor. The ensuing treatments just took him down a terminal path.

Through the people that spoke of Tim, a picture emerged that Josi and I did not have the opportunity to see ourselves. Quite simply, Tim was a man that we would have enjoyed having as a close friend, as a mentor, and as a role model. He lived each day as if it were the most important, enjoyable day of his life.

He tried to teach the guys in our West Africa Branch how to show their wives how much they loved them. "I want each of you to tell your wives first thing in the morning, that they are your beloved." The next night, the wives had stories to tell; each one was told "Tim told me to tell you..." The guys didn't quite get it, but it made an impression. He wasn't a missionary, but he made a difference in a lot of missionaries' lives.

Do our jobs make a difference in missionaries' lives? You bet. Not the same way, but it's an inspiration to us, anyway.

Sometimes it is hard to imagine what missionaries at home are doing to support the work on the field. How does working in an office in Dallas assist the work of Bible Translation around the world? How are those office workers "Missionaries"? Don't missionaries go out and preach to the natives, treat their illnesses, and feed the hungry? Yes, but they don't do it alone! There is a staff of people behind those who are out in the field, and that staff is serving the Mission as much as the field personnel.

One of Josi's major projects each year is the Christmas Gift Catalogue. This "catalogue" is an alternative giving opportunity that lists projects in various fields that PBT is working in. Part of her time from April through November is spent working on the Christmas Catalogue. Projects have to be gathered, information collected, costs figured, copy written, approvals and copy editing gotten, and everything sent to be printed. It is a process that involves a lot of communication back and forth across the oceans, following up with Regional Area Directors, doing a lot of math she never thought she would use outside of school, and meetings, meetings, and more meetings.

Does it really accomplish that much? Here are a few figures over the past two years, since Josi has taken over this job, showing results from the Christmas Catalogue; a direct way that she is involved in the work of Bible Translation around the world.

This month we'll highlight projects in Eurasia.

- Bible Distributors travel central Eurasia, sharing the Word of God in the local language! These funds help supply food, transportation, and necessities as they spread the written Word of God for the first time in this language. Enough came in to cover 18 months travel!
- Purchase a Book of Psalms to put in the hands of people who have never had Psalms in their language before. These will not be simply one per household, they may be one per church or even one per village, and will be shared among many people who have been unreached. 80 Books of Psalms were paid for and distributed.
- The book of Mark and a collection of Bible stories are being recorded in one of the languages of North Eurasia. These funds were for duplicating the recordings for distribution. Again, each recording will reach many people in an area! 142 recordings were covered by gifts from the Catalogue.
- Scripture calendars are a way to point the hearts of people to the Savior every day of the year. Appearing for the first time in their language, they are very popular and useful. Gifts from the Christmas catalogue covered 371 calendars.

Over the past couple of months, one of Richard's jobs has been to purchase all the things necessary to install a new network into PBT's new office building. With list in hand, he began his online shopping. Not quite everything has been purchased, but so far, the purchasing is over \$4,000 under budget!

December 6-10, Richard will be heading up the project running cable in the new building. If you'd like to come help, give him a call.

Richard has been outfitting missionaries with computers to do their jobs better. He's setup computers for the Finance Department and Support Services. He's setup laptops for Short Term Assistants going to West Africa and new missionaries headed for Southeast Asia and veteran missionaries returning to Papua New Guinea. He's been helping missionaries in the field fix problems that can keep them from working on Bible Translations and is working on new servers to better facilitate the work in the International Service Center in Dallas.

What's Ahead for Us?

Over the next few weeks we are travelling to visit churches in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, and Nevada. We're putting on some miles! Check out our itinerary for where we'll be over the next month.

In either May or October, we will be travelling to a country in the former Soviet Union to help build a recording studio. It's primary purpose is to record dramatized scripture. It will also be used for the various Christian musicians to record some of the new music that is being produced. Please pray for us as we begin planning this trip.

Do We Pray Big Enough?

Maybe not. In 2008, Pioneer Bible Translators prayed that God would lead them to four new fields by 2012. We now have teams in four new fields and are examining three more where God is leading us. Please pray for God to continue leading us to new fields and bringing the new recruits who will go to the Bible-less and churchless people there.

PBT is growing at a tremendous rate—faster than what had been prayer for. Only God can bring about this kind of growth.

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

Prayers and Praises

- Praise! New and old financial partners have stepped up to fill the gap left by lost support.
- Pray for us as we travel to several churches to speak about Bible Translation and share our ministry.
- Praise for our financial partners who are so consistently faithful.
- Pray for volunteers for the building project. Also pray for the building to be completed this year within budget.
- Pray for the contacts we will make during our Partnership Development trip.
- 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.
- PBT is utterly dependent on God in every aspect of our ministry. Pray that He will enable PBT to establish a fully scheduled 24/7 prayer vigil within the organization.