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**Please note our  
new mailing  
address!**

**A Challenge!**

Friends of ours in another mission ministry recently sent us a note. They committed to financially partnering with us for \$10 a month, even though finances are tight for them, just like us. They feel so strongly about stepping out on faith that they challenge everybody who reads this newsletter to do the same. Are you willing to step out in faith the same way?

**An Anniversary!**

It is time for a party! Fireworks, a cake, punch, presents! It is our one-year anniversary! One year ago we packed up all our stuff and the dogs, moved to Texas and began working for Pioneer Bible Translators! It is hard to believe that it has been a whole year already! I caught myself telling someone this weekend that we had moved here less than a year ago, and realized—that is not true anymore!

We are still getting adjusted to our work, here. The jobs are constantly changing and fitting themselves to us and to the needs of PBT. For example, since we arrived, the need has arisen for workteams to be organized and implemented to work on the new International Service Center we are building. When it was discovered that Josi had experience with workgroups, she was put in charge of setting up the program, and coordinating the teams. She has also been in the forefront of putting together the new “Time & Talent Team”, which is longer-term volunteers. Our volunteers are invaluable to PBT. Through the assistance of volunteers, much of the work of building the new ISC will be done, a lot of money will be saved, and, as time goes on, a lot of the maintenance and daily work will be taken care of.

Richard’s job has become more focused. He is the desktop support guy for the International Service Center. He is also responsible for purchasing the computers and software for PBT. His daily work includes solving problems with email configurations, replacing computers, working with printer issues, and evaluating new software. He’s been evaluating the new Windows 7 operating system and is quite impressed.

Recently, lightning hit the cell tower that is located about 20 yards from the office. The bolt blew out the network card on the office’s domain controller and two other computers, caused eight ports on the network switch to cease functioning, killed one network switch and a laptop in one office, and damaged network switches in two other offices. This is the second time this year that lightning has wreaked havoc on our computers. Anybody want to help fund a big surge protector for an entire office?

Our work here is making a difference—both here in the offices in Dallas and in the work being completed in the field. It’s a great feeling to be involved in the completion of the Great Commission.

Josi is planning banquets, and enjoying it immensely! She is currently in the final stages of planning one of the two Fall Banquets here in the DFW area (that is Dallas-Ft. Worth, for those from elsewhere), which is being held at Southwest Christian Church, where we attend. That is coming up the end of October. She is also working on the first Banquet to be held outside the DFW area, in Phoenix next March. In July there will be a banquet in conjunction with the North American Christian Convention in Indianapolis, and others across the country are being discussed. This calls for a lot of travel, but she loves to travel, and Richard will get to go along a lot of the time. She would love this to become her full-time job, but it cannot until other people join PBT who are called to do some of the other things she is doing. God’s timing is perfect, and He will bring the right people when He is ready. Until then, Josi has to remember all the time management lessons she has learned, and put them to good use!

The task that Josi feels brings her the closest to the fields around the world, and where she contributes most directly to the work of Bible Translation is in developing the Christmas Catalogue. This is put out each year to give you the opportunity to help in a direct way



In late July we both participated in the 2nd Annual Worldwide PhotoWalk. Richard tied for second in the Arlington PhotoWalk with this photo.



Here are some of the millions of bats emerging from the Congress Avenue Bridge.

sent to supporters who will have the opportunity to give these items as Christmas gifts, and support the work of PBT at the same time!

## Health Issues

Richard has had dentures for years. The five front teeth that are permanently fixed in his jaw are fake—mounted on posts set into the roots of teeth that had root canals and were capped. Two of the three posts broke, exposing the root canals and abscessing. The likelihood of not being able to keep the dentures in place was pretty bleak. The dentist at the clinic on campus set up appointments through late November before new dentures would be in place. Then he insisted on following up with very expensive implants through a dental office off campus.

A second dentist was highly recommended to Richard. Dr. Rossen took immediate steps to get things going by gluing the broken teeth back in place to hold until the roots can be extracted. The procedures will be done by mid-October. Dr. Rossen won't even discuss the possibility of implants for at least six months, allowing the jaw to completely heal from the extractions. By then, the dentures may be fitting well enough that implants may not be necessary. Yea!

Josi is having trouble with her shoulder. She injured it several years ago and appear to have a tear in the rotator cuff. Her doctor at the clinic wants Josi to get an MRI to confirm the diagnosis, but we simply do not have the finances for an expensive diagnostic like that.

Also, we had to take Pippin, our oldest, smallest Corgi, in to the vet. Her stomach was hard as a rock, she was panting excessively and drinking a lot of water. After some blood tests, the vet felt we should change her diet to one for a mature (7+) dog—she is 9 years old. We're working on the diet now, but neither Pippin nor Cymar is happy with the food.

## Outside Activities

In July, both of us participated in the Second Annual Worldwide Photowalk. This was a single day when people in locations all over the world gathered together for a couple of hours and just took pictures while walking around town. It was a great opportunity to meet new friends and see some sights with a new eye. It was also an opportunity to enter our pictures in an international competition. We've included a couple in this newsletter to share with you. See our entries on our website at [www.omrisson.com](http://www.omrisson.com).

We also took an afternoon drive down to Austin to see the bat emergence from the Congress Avenue Bridge. It was a big treat for Josi, who really likes bats. There are millions of bats there! It's good business in Austin, too. Tour boats position themselves on the lake each night while the bats are making their summer home there.

In August, Richard had a chance to attend a Photoshop seminar. Wow! He learned a lot in the few hours. After several weeks, he's still trying out some new tricks and techniques

## Prayer and Praises

- Richard's sister, Sharon, is going on dialysis. Her veins are too small for a fistula, so they have to do a graft in her upper arm. Pray for the doctors to be successful and that the bloodflow to her hand will not be impaired.
- Pray for our finances. We are at 54% of our budget and have depleted our savings. We need another \$1,000 a month to afford health insurance and cover our expenses.
- Praise! God has brought all the pieces together and major funding has arrived for a couple of grants for projects in Africa and Papua New Guinea.
- Praise for the permits to begin work on PBT's new building.
- Pray for the bonding and general red tape to allow the general contractor to begin work on PBT's new building.
- Pray for us as we plan a trip to Phoenix for Thanksgiving.
- We've sent some applications to churches to partner with us. Pray for us to make the connections and do proper follow-up.
- Many of our friends and co-workers are struggling with finances right now.
- Please pray for these people by name: Mama Shirley, Shanon, Becky and Daryl, Bill and Jean, Joe and Vikki, Ann, Jenna, Walter Hilton, and Leonard and Thelma.



This is one of Josi's entries from the PhotoWalk.

## What's happening in Bible Translation? Part 3

In our previous newsletters we shared some of the accomplishments in the field. Here are a several more:

Missionary Family 11 (Guinea, West Africa): Developed a poultry farm that is self-sustainable, completed the orthography (alphabet) for the Maninka language. We also Started a small business to help the nationals support themselves and take care of the poor.

Missionary Family 12 (Guinea, West Africa): We continue in our literacy programs and our basketball outreach and prison ministry.

Missionary 13 (Guinea, West Africa): I continue to plug away in various literacy programs. God also allowed me to participate in providing trauma counseling in North Africa.

Missionary 14 (Guinea, West Africa): located to village and began learning the language (she has also played a key role in ministering to the people in the church who are going through persecution).

Missionary Family 15 (Guinea, West Africa): we continue in our second year of language learning, completed the adoption process for our son, located to the village, have begun community outreach projects.

Missionary Family 16: (Guinea, West Africa) Begun an outreach to business leaders in the city by helping devise business plans.

Missionary Family 17 (Guinea, West Africa): As the resident mechanic, I kept entire fleet of vehicles running (this is a HUGE accomplishment).

Missionary Family 18 (Guinea, West Africa): Completed tone/punctuation on Ruth, Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I and II Thes., 1 and II Timothy, Philemon, Hebrews, James and 1 and 2 Peter, Jude. Completed exegetical check of Numbers 23-36, Josuah, Ruth, 2 Samuel 8-24, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs. Completed the entire rough draft of New Testament.

Missionary Family 19 (Guinea, West Africa) We completed the translation of the New Testament. God allowed us to plant a new church in capital city. God increased our ministry amongst the orphans and abandoned babies.

Missionary Family 20 (Papua New Guinea): We developed national translation team, completed exegetical check of Acts and Matthew.

Missionary Family 21 (Papua New Guinea): This family arrived in PNG for their first term, completed the 6 month Pacific Orientation and had a new baby.

Missionary 22 (Papua New Guinea): conducted medical and scripture in use workshop, completed final version of Hebrews, visited all of my supporting churches, spoke at 5 Christian Universities and 4 Christian Campus houses and completed revised draft of Romans.

Missionary 23 (Ukraine): I began a Bible study with a group of girls, rough drafted the Epistles of John—doing back translation (accuracy check). I also distributed translated scriptures at the university.

Missionary family 24 (Southeast Asia): Before coming home, we completed an alphabet design course with 11 leaders, tested the results of spelling of the language in the village, completed survey report (step one takes before translation can begin)

Missionary Families 25-27 (East Africa): They all arrived in East Africa for their first term. They are now all in language learning.

We appreciate yor being our partner and interested in our work. We have found the past year with Pioneer Bible Translators to be a blessing to us, and we hope it has been a blessing for you as well. We look forward to the day when every tribe and every tongue has enduring access to God's Word in their own language. It will happen, God said so.

In Christ's Service



This is one of the techniques Richard learned at the Photoshop seminar.