

Consulting for Christ

Enabling Bible Translation in Ethiopia

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Blessed Thanksgiving!

We hope that you and your family have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving as you celebrate God's goodness to us!

We are thankful for many things:

- The opportunity to see our family and some friends while we were in the US this year.
- Good health and God's protection while traveling.
- The generosity of our niece and her family in providing a place to stay and a car to use.
- The generosity of friends in providing another place to stay, and feeding us.
- The generosity of other friends in loaning us their car.
- The translation work that has continued here in Ethiopia despite the pandemic.
- The progress that has been made in the construction of the new building on the Mekane Yesus Seminary campus.

*Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will
for you
in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

- Students who are being trained to be the translators of the future.
- Dedicated co-workers who are committed to seeing God's Word reach their people.

We are especially thankful for you! We are thankful for your continued faithfulness in praying and giving as you stand with us in helping to get God's Word to many people here in Ethiopia. God bless you!

Back in Addis

We are back in Ethiopia! We arrived here on October 4, and after a two-week isolation period, have gradually settled into life here in the age of covid. Many things are the same, but there have also been many changes. Ethiopia has a number of rules in place to help prevent the spread of the virus, including wearing masks, social distancing, and hand-washing.

I (Jim) have been able to attend meetings with the translation department of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY) and the Mekane Yesus Seminary. The biggest change for us has come in how we socialize and spend time with others. If we cannot do it outside, we have been avoiding those gatherings.



Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is right around the corner... and EXCITEMENT is building around this year's goal! To find out more about Giving Tuesday 2020, visit lbt.org/giving-Tuesday. This year, the goal is to raise \$45,000 for literacy efforts in Sierra Leone. The people of Sierra Leone want to read! They want to read God's Word in the language that speaks to their hearts. Invest in the education they need. Give now and join the story!

Tsamakko Acts

I (Jim) am still preparing for checking the translation of Acts into the Tsamakko language. The meeting we had planned for October was cancelled when the project advisor was not allowed to travel from Norway. The meeting has been re-scheduled for March, but Chris Pluger will not be able to be with us at that time.

More Fun than a Barrel of Monkeys?

A family of monkeys has taken up residence in our neighborhood. They are cute, and they can be fun to watch. But they can also be real pests, stealing food from gardens and even coming into houses.



Locusts

Thanks for praying! The Ministry of Agriculture has announced that the swarms are no longer threats to crops this year. They have been dispersed through a spraying program and are moving to the sea coast, where they will breed during the dry season. When the rainy season begins in March, they may return to the area.

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PRAY...

- ➔ Pray for Jim as he prepares for checking the Tsamakko translation of Acts.
- ➔ Praise God for the good progress on the building on the Mekane Yesus Seminary. Construction has reached the third floor. Pray that the work will continue to go well.
- ➔ Pray for the new class of students who are beginning the Bible translation program at the seminary. There are now 20 first year students and 15 third year.
- ➔ Pray for strategic planning meetings that will be held over the next few months to develop a 10-year plan for the EECMY Bible translation projects.
- ➔ Pray for the 3 teams who are nearing the finish line for their translations (Dirayta, Konso, and Zayse). Pray for wisdom, health, unity, and endurance.
- ➔ Pray for an end to Covid-19. Pray for wisdom for Ethiopia's leaders to know the best way to deal with it.
- ➔ Pray for peace in Ethiopia, and for wisdom for their leaders in dealing with conflict in the north of the country.