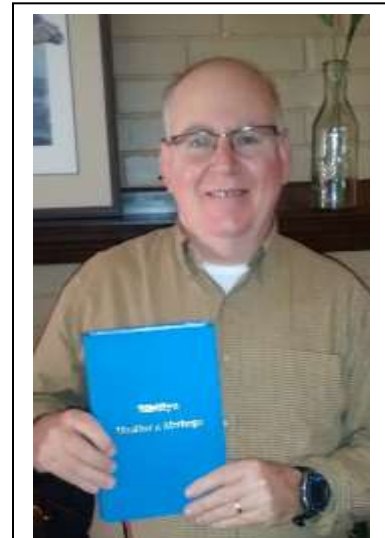


Dear Friends and Family,

We hope you have had a good start to the New Year. We had a great surprise last week when two bound copies of the Takwane Bible arrived on our doorstep. What an amazing feeling to hold that book in our hands after all the blood, sweat and tears. Thank you so much for making the Takwane Bible a reality through your gifts and prayers. Our God is a god of miracles.

We got word that the container of Bibles should arrive in Mozambique on January 31st. Pray it clears customs without delays. And pray it is safely driven to the town of Mocuba. Pray also for the smooth unloading and storage of the boxes.

We have set a tentative date of July 1st for the dedication. We will do some of the planning from here via Skype and email and then go over to Mozambique a month early to make final preparations. After the dedication we will spend several weeks distributing the Bibles to the rural churches and celebrating with them since not many will be able to come to town for the dedication. Please pray for all the decisions that need to be made. Also pray for the lines of communication to improve.



Jeff holding a copy of the Takwane Hybrid Bible

Peg's red blood cell count has risen slightly as a result of the iron infusion she received in December. She will now receive four weekly shots of a hormone that should stimulate the bone marrow to make more red blood cells. She will then be re-tested in eight weeks. Thanks for praying for wisdom for the doctor. Please pray for good production by the bone marrow over the next weeks.

Peg has been helping check the book of John for a group in Brazil. She looks at a back translation of their draft and inserts notes with ideas for improvements; the team rep dialogues with her via the note system in the software until the issues are resolved. This week she will also begin helping another group with the book of Luke. In March she will visit them for a week of consulting under the tutelage of a senior consultant. She is also going to get involved with the Choctaw translation team again. She has agreed to be on call to do troubleshooting as needed while their translation advisor is on vacation for the next month. Hopefully everything will run smoothly. Please pray for wisdom and clear thinking as Peg checks each verse of these translations. Also pray for good relationships with those who are doing the translations.

Jeff is leading a team tasked with creating an on-line certification course for beginning users of the translation software Paratext. He and the crew are writing the curriculum and making instructional videos and lessons while also figuring out how the on-line course-creation software works. The goal is to get 500 translators certified by the end of September. Knowing the basics of the software lets the translators use all of the tools designed to help them do consistent translation from the get-go. Using the software well will also help speed up translation. Please pray for Jeff to learn all he needs to know quickly. Pray for wisdom for the team as they design the course so it will be optimally helpful.

Maggie Jo went back to LeTourneau this week for the spring semester. We are so happy for the opportunity she has to study there. Please pray for her to get over her cough quickly and to make a good start in her classes. Also we have begun to pray about a summer job for her. Please join us in asking the Lord to provide a good place where she can learn and grow while we are in Mozambique.

You may have heard about all of the bad weather we have had down here in Texas. We were not hit by any of the tornados that came through this area but the associated winds aggravated our already leaky roof. We've contracted someone to replace the roof. Please pray for a well installed new roof. It was also determined that the mortar in the brickwork on the parapet walls on the sides of the roof has eroded over the years to the extent that water is passing through the gaps when it rains. We are working with a fellow to try to determine the best solution for this. Please pray for wisdom as we look at how best to solve this problem.


Thank you for rejoicing with us and also for bringing these requests before him who is able to do what we ask.

Until all have heard,
Peg, Jeff and Maggie Jo

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