

Dear Friends and Family,

Jesus is Better

In Sunday School we have been studying the book of Hebrews. One of the themes of Hebrews is "Jesus is better." He is better than Abraham. He is better than the priest Melchizedek. He is better than Moses and he is even better than angels.

Hebrews 1:3-4 says:

³The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. ⁴This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave him is greater than their names.

(New Living Translation)

Jesus was better than any of these important figures in the past and he is better than any sports stars, entertainers, or political figures that exert influence today. He is better because he shows what God is like, he sustains everything, he cleanses us of our sins and he sits in the place of honor and authority that God gave him while bearing the title that God gave him. What he has done and what God thinks of him shows that he is more important than any angel or anyone else we can name. Meditating on the supremacy of Christ has been an antidote for me in the toxic atmosphere that we have right now. If you are feeling a similar weight, try meditating on the one person who outshines all rivals.

Peg's Health

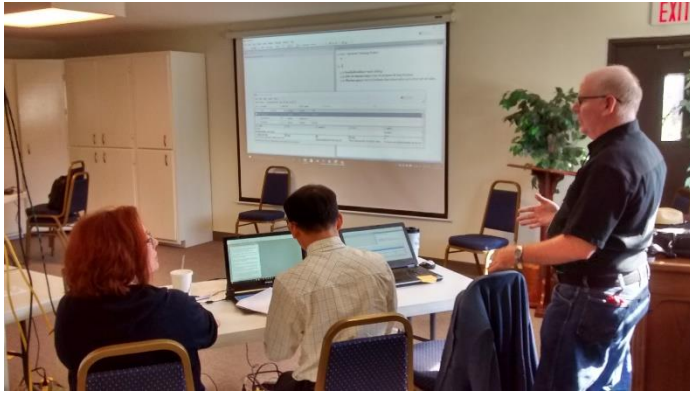
Thanks for praying about Peg's health. The plastic surgeon is pleased with how the wound is healing, but a lab report came back on one of the biopsies that were taken at the time of the surgery. It showed she might have a very serious fungal infection in the bone. An infectious disease specialist was consulted and has done a blood test to determine if she has antigens specific to this fungus. The test results should be back this week. Please continue to pray that Peg heals well and does not get any secondary infections. The next stage in the reconstruction is scheduled for November 15th. Pray that the dermis is ready to accept the next layer by then. Here is the link to Peg's Caring Bridge website where you can get up-to-date information as the process moves forward: www.caringbridge.org/visit/pegshrum

Another Paratext Workshop

Just a week after returning from his workshop in Thailand, Jeff put on a Paratext 8 workshop here in Dallas. The workshop was aimed at translation consultants who have not been able to upgrade their skills with Paratext in a while. It was also an opportunity to introduce to project administrators the new registration system and means of tracking a translation's progress.

The first day was all about how users and translation projects will be registered and migrated to the new system. This new system is very different than what has been used in the past and always raises many questions the first time people see it. In attendance that first day was the Director of SIL Central Africa Republic, and leaders from three other Bible translation agencies. They now have learned how the system will work and have tools and procedures for rolling it out in their organizations.

The translation consultants who were there for the whole week all told Jeff that they learned many things that they never knew how to do. Translation projects in Papua New Guinea, Southeast Asia, Zambia, Nigeria and Tanzania will all be impacted through the workshop. Thank you for your prayers for Jeff during this time.



Peg's Greek Studies

It has been a challenge for Peg to keep up with her Greek studies, with stays in the hospital and several visits to the doctor. With some flexibility on the part of the instructor, Peg managed to be ready for the mid-term exam. Continue to pray that she can keep up with the fast pace of the course.

Until all have heard,

Jeff, Peg and Maggie Jo


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