

Dear Friends and Family,

From Jeff:

The pace of translation teams moving to the new version of Paratext has been accelerating. Most seem to be waiting for a workshop or other help to do the migration. There are now about 2,000 users of Paratext 8. Since Internet connectivity is needed for the migration, please pray that teams with poor or no Internet will find ways to move to the new system. My department has written a document describing how this can be done, but it takes good planning.

Our videos that show how to migrate to the new system, and how to set up the new project management features have been out for a while and we are getting questions from the field. Pray that teams will be able to adjust to having more structure in how they use the software. We need to finish two more videos before we can start making the first online training course. Pray that we can finish those in the next week.

In March I gave Paratext 8 training to a translation consultant who works in the Central African Republic. In May she helped lead a workshop there to help teams migrate and learn to use the more advanced features of Paratext. Our colleagues in C.A.R. were able to successfully migrate all the projects. The translation consultant also shared with them how to use Paratext to accomplish several important proofreading tasks. Here are some interesting comments from two of the translators at the workshop:

“This course was like a pair of glasses that allows me to clearly see the errors in our translation.”

“Now we will be able to give our communities fruit without ugly spots (a Bible without errors).”

From Peg:

This year is my 25th work anniversary with Wycliffe Bible Translators. I feel so privileged to have seen God work in amazing ways over this season of my life. Thank you for your partnership with Jeff and me. Those of us who live in this area and have completed various work milestones were honored with an in-house ceremony last month. Here I am with the other 25-year veterans.



We need you to keep praying for my head to heal. The skin graft isn't looking too healthy these days and there is bone showing again. The area that is uncovered isn't nearly as big as it was before the latest surgery so there has been progress. We had been at the stage

where the skin graft took 100%. Since then there has been serious degradation. I will finish the hyper-baric treatments on Friday, July 14th then we'll see what is next.

You can follow my progress and get up-to-date prayer requests at this link:

www.caringbridge.org/visit/pegshrum

Maggie Jo is surviving the heat at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Camp and Retreat Center. Thanks for praying for her. The hottest weeks are yet to come. Last week she helped set up the 600-foot slip and slide. Where was that when we were frying at summer camp?!? She finishes up on August 4th and is looking forward to some beach time before school starts.

Until all have heard,

Peg, Jeff and Maggie Jo

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