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Ester (Day 30)

Praise God for His continuous work among those who don't have the His Word in a language they understand! I'm currently working on a 'sensitive Scripture app'. It's such a joy to see the meticulous work of the translators in every detail of the translation and that this is faithfully reproduced in the digital version of the translation. E.g. in relation to the spelling of words (non-Roman/Latin characters): this will be the first time that some of them are seeing the name of their language written down. Let us trust the Holy Spirit to use His Word towards the repentance and faith of this people group. Pray for the new audio recording to accompany the text. Currently they only have audio for the books of Genesis and Luke. In the next week or two, the translators are expecting to add the book of Ephesians (after rigorous consultant-checking) to Genesis, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, 1 Co, Philippians, Philemon, James, 1 Peter and 2 Peter.

Bill & Angela (Day 16)

Please pray for a 13-year-old boy in our church who is starting to associate with the wrong types of kids at school. We perceive he is being tempted both sexually and by drugs and needs help to resist and grow in his walk with Jesus. On Friday our church will be starting an outreach to needy families through a kid's club. The club is designed for 5–10 year-olds after school on Fridays. We will feed them a substantial lunch followed by games and gospel lessons. We pray it will be a safe place for them to learn about Jesus and receive love. Our area and the capital city of Bogota is experiencing a major drought and water is being rationed. Please pray for rain.

Andrew & Patrizia (Day 9)

Please pray for B. M., an Albanian lady living in an abusive situation in Fondi, Patrizia may be accompanying her to Rome for a medical visit next Saturday. B.M. has already been once to our home group meeting together with us. Please also pray that the Italian lessons to Indian women in a different location but still in Fondi, would resume.

David & Meike (Day 9)

We are getting into our normal weekly routine again now after the Easter school holidays have finished here. We were blessed to be able to have a week in a holiday apartment near Lake Constance. This brought a lot of refreshment to the family, as we have had a lot of sickness recently and we all really enjoy being close to water. In OJC we are preparing for a change of leadership, with the new leader taking over at the end of this month.

Phil & Jill (Day 25)

We returned to NZ just over a week ago, but Phil went back to PNG again on Saturday. The government is finally sending a team to the College to assess our accreditation status, and Phil needs to be there for that. He will be there for two weeks. We are loving connecting again with family and grandkids. Praise God our house and garden are all in good order after ten weeks away. Pray for Phil and his involvement with the accreditation team. It feels like David against the giant. Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God" has been of huge encouragement to us. Pray that God would give the College favour with the review team. The College's financial difficulties could be a stumbling block. Thank God that the dental clinic is continuing to minister to people's oral health needs in Jill's absence. Jill is regularly receiving pictures of smiling people with their new dentures. Pray for Jill's mother who longs to be with the Lord in his presence.

Benjamin & Rebekah (Day 5)

Praise the Lord that we have our long-term visas for Thailand. Bekah and Lucia are currently on a 90-day visa but once I convert my religious affairs visa to a work permit they will get yearlong visas as well. Pray that my work visa would be granted on time. My citizenship interview for America has been scheduled for 29th of May. This is great news and also difficult because Bekah will be 37 weeks pregnant when I travel to the states. Pray for a quick turnaround for me so I can get what I need and then come back to Thailand. Pray for Bekah to be sustained in that time and for people to be around and help when needed. Pray all will go to plan for the pregnancy.

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Benjamin (Day 6)

There's been progress made on my research visa to Indonesia but we're not there yet. If I am a little delayed, that's no problem, but ultimately, I can't start writing the body of my thesis until I collect the data from Indonesia, so please pray that I would be able to get through the process in a timely manner. Please also pray for continued focus and a mind reliant on God as I work independently and manage my own time.

Brian & Vicky (Day 30)

Darryl is living with us for a time. We first met Darryl as a 17-year-old prepared to do the Studies in the Torah correspondence course. Praise God Darryl found Messiah Jesus in the Scriptures. Darryl is now married with a family and living in Australia. God reminded him of where he found Christians keen to bring the Gospel to the Jews. This prompted him to want come to NZ and give us some help for a while. Pray the Lord will continue to work in his heart and challenge him about greater interest in reaching the Jewish people with the Good News about Jesus. David and his family are now living in Tel Aviv. We value your prayers for them and the many living with threats of war all around them. Do continue to remember Misha who is most concerned about his family. They were among some of the many Jews who came out of Russia and settled in Israel. They are also in Tel Aviv.

Andrew & Greer (Day 7)

We're currently in Montenegro staying with Andrew's sister and family who we hadn't seen in ten years. Praise God that we are able to have a wonderful holiday with family and the kids are bonding with their cousins so well. Pray for the Bible college, that God will draw students for the next academic year and that everything goes smoothly. Please pray for my health (Greer), as I'm a bit run down.

Craig & Darlene (Day 1)

The processing of our visas for Vanuatu has been delayed and so we continue to wait patiently for God's timing. We are very grateful that we can continue to stay here at Tree Tops Lodge in Cairns, a ministry of Wycliffe Australia. Craig has been working on a software project that is being used by a growing number of Bible translation projects around the world.

Bruce & Robin (Day 29)

Please pray for Clear who is a graduate from Auckland University but also a MBB, as she struggles to find a community to be able to link with safely, so that she can continue to worship and pray.

Graeme & Rachel (Day 4)

Please pray for us as we and several Pela'wan translate John's Gospel and Acts into the Pela'wan language. Pray for Rachel as she develops Sunday School materials in the language and Graeme's checking translations of books about the Bible in the Tagalog language.

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Jeff & Ginny (Day 29)

Return 20th April

OPPORTUNITIES

Emergency Relief Coordinator (Part-time contract)

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