

Dear Friends

Greetings once again. We pray all is going well with you.

Well, apparently a whole month zipped by and I missed getting out a March update to you all. It wasn't really that life was any busier than usual; and yet, the older I get the faster time goes.

The good news from the translation project is that we are finally done with proofreading! For some reason this was really difficult to get finished; one of our proofreaders went on maternity leave, and the other just did not get herself to our village for the longest time to finish the job. Fortunately, now, proofreading is done and Tim has sent everything to the person in charge of translations at the Bible Society of Botswana. Unfortunately, that person somehow failed to send in a correction so the final manuscript needs to be corrected. Now we are waiting for the correct file to be sent for the typesetter to work on. This really shouldn't take a long time, and we are hoping that our translation can be in queue for printing by the end of the month.

So, while we wait for the Bible Society and the typesetter to do their thing, the Beckendorf family has gone off to Namibia to get some orthodontic stuff done for Andrew, dental stuff for Tim, and a new pair of glasses for Aaron. We are so thankful to have this opportunity to get these visits done and to have such good care available to us. It also doesn't hurt that the town where we get this all done is a beautiful old German town on the coast, and we get to go walk on the beach every evening. Even though we are not here on vacation, the surroundings make it feel like we are on one.

While here, Tim and the boys also took a short course on snakes and how to handle them safely; we have been encountering so many snakes around our home lately that they really wanted more skills and information on how to deal with them. (While the guys did the course, I stayed in the car and read some Jane Austin. I don't do snakes.)

While in Namibia getting our dental work done, Tim is still hard at work in his new role as a Translation Consultant. When we get back to Botswana, Tim will be working with the Shiyeyi translation project four hours south of us checking Titus, Philemon, Jude, and John's epistles. So, that is what he has been working on now. He really enjoys this work, and is happy to have several groups he is working with.

Praises: - Thanksgiving that we are progressing towards getting the Khwedam Panoramic Bible printed.
- Thanksgiving for our trip to Namibia for dental and optometrist visits.
- Thanksgiving for all of you who support our work.

Prayers: * Please continue to pray that typesetting will finish up soon, and printing and distribution can get done yet this year.
* Please pray for wisdom and guidance as the Khwe plan for the future of their project.
* Please pray for continued health and safety.

Thank you again for all of your prayers on our behalf.



Andrew and Aaron admiring a harmless (unless you are a rodent) snake

Tim, Lisa, Aaron & Andrew Beckendorf