

## Dear Friends

Greetings once again, this time from Botswana.

Yes, I totally missed the monthly update for May. I honestly felt like I really didn't have much to report. Our travels from the States to Botswana went very well, we even got through immigration without a hitch even though the boys and I had been out of the country longer than what our residency permits allow. We did get snagged at customs and had to pay duty for bringing in a new electric cello, but that was all.

Getting home was a little overwhelming -- as we knew it would be. Termites were really obnoxious this past season, and we knew that our kitchen had lost several cupboards. We now have two smaller, metal cupboards/counters which don't hold as much as the old cupboards, but which are termite-proof. Of course, when we got the old cupboards out, we saw the condition of the walls, and decided that something needed to be done with them while we could get at them easily; we got crack-filler and paint. The paint only came in 20-liter buckets -- which is a lot of paint. So, now I get to also apply crack-filler and paint around the rest of the house. It's a huge project, but fortunately there is no deadline and can be done as I get to it.

In my last update I mentioned that we were still waiting for the Khwedam panoramic Bibles to arrive in Botswana; they had made it to South Africa but we hadn't heard anything beyond that. Well, the good news is that the Bibles are in the country and at the Bible Society! Now the Khwe need to get a dedication for the Bible planned -- which seems to be going slowly. We have a tentative date of August 9, but the president of the country has been invited and they are waiting to hear back if he can come, and if he can come on that date. This is a little frustrating for us Westerners who are used to having everything planned months in advance, and we feel like things are getting down to the wire and nothing has been finalized. Hopefully it will all come together at the right time.

Otherwise, Tim has been continuing his work as a translation consultant. This past week he met online with the Themne translation team in Sierra Leone going through the book of 2 Samuel. There were a few hiccups the first day with Tim's connection getting dropped briefly, but thankfully it was a fairly easy fix with us finding a better place on our roof for our Starlink the next day. The checking itself went pretty well, Tim prefers to be there in-person since it is easier to show people how to do something on the computer rather than trying to tell them how to do it, but it still all worked out and they are completely done with 2 Samuel. This week he and the Wayeyi translators are going to begin checking the Gospel of John, which Tim is looking forward to as that is his favorite Gospel.

Praises: - Thanksgiving that 2 Samuel in Themne is checked!

- Thanksgiving for very good travel from the States.

- Thanksgiving that the Khwedam panoramic Bibles are in Botswana.

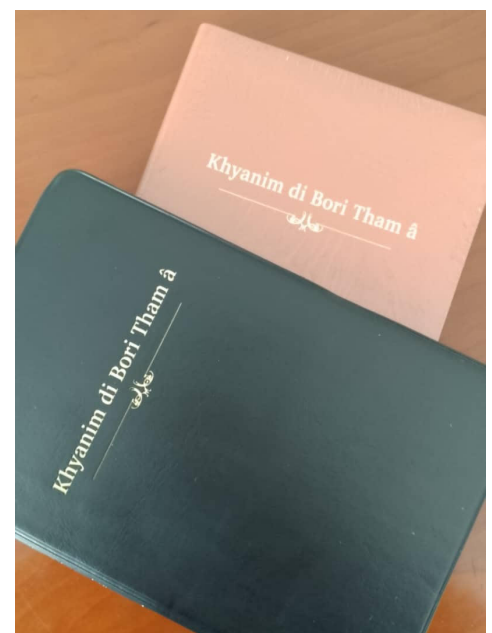
Prayers: \* Please pray that dedication for the Khwedam Panoramic Bible will be planned and come together well.

\* Please pray that checking of the Gospel of John in Shiyeyi will go well this week for Tim, Motswasele and Nicolus.

\* Please pray for Splash, who has taken on the responsibility of planning the dedication of the Khwedam Bible.

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

Tim, Lisa, Aaron & Andrew Beckendorf



The Khwedam Bibles have arrived!