

Dear Friends

Greetings again, this time from . . . Swakopmund, Namibia!

Yes, it feels like we just got home and now we are off again, but we all needed to see the dentist and the boys also needed to see the optometrist. We are so blessed that we have fantastic dental and eye care available here, even though it takes two days of travel. Aaron was able to get three wisdom teeth pulled (poor guy, he looked like a chipmunk for a few days), Tim had a filling replaced, Andrew got the little attachments which held his retainer to his teeth filed off, and I had a crown checked out. So glad to have that done and all taken care of. Thankfully the boys' eyes are stabilizing and no-one needed a new glasses prescription.

Otherwise, Tim has been continuing his work as a translation consultant. Besides working with a team in Sierra Leone, he is also working with the Wayeyi translators (Botswana, four hours south of us) checking the Gospel of John. Their plan is to meet one day each week to get it done, which sounds good but hasn't happened yet due to power being out in their office or Tim traveling. However, Tim is looking forward to working with them as John is his favorite Gospel.

Last month I (Lisa) got to try out a little more of my typesetting skills for the Wayeyi translation team; they had finished Romans and several other shorter Epistles and were going to take them out to the community to test and see if the translations were clear, getting the right meanings across, etc. I was a little hesitant when I was first asked to help because I had only about four days to complete everything and it had been a (long) while since I had used the typesetting program -- which is not entirely intuitive. Fortunately, Tim reminded me to download the latest upgrade and, lo and behold, major improvements had been made which made the whole process easier and faster -- it was actually fun to use. So happy to have something new I can do to help out!

We are continuing to wait on the planning of the dedication for the Khwedam panoramic Bible. The August 9 date was just too soon for good organization, so now the plans are for holding it in November. This is not ideal since November is typically ridiculously hot and is in the midst of burning season, but for now that is the plan. Please pray for Splash who is spearheading the organizing of the dedication; that is a lot of responsibility riding on his shoulders.

Praises: - Thanksgiving for great dental and eye care.

- Thanksgiving for Splash who does so much for his community.

- Thanksgiving for all of you who support our work here.

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

*Please pray that the ewchecking of the Gospel of John in Shiyeyi will go well 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



Lisa overlooking the dunes on the Namibian coast.