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Eric & Allison Pyle – Partnering to advance Bible translation for Bibleless peoples through software development



Updates on Eric's Role

In our last newsletter, we talked about Eric's **new role working on the Digital Bible Library**, a project which will allow people around the world access to Bible translations in their own language. The library will host Scripture in written forms, in audio formats—especially good for traditionally oral cultures, and in video forms—which are great for sign language Bibles! The library currently hosts a few hundred texts, with the goal of hosting over 1,000 texts by 2015.

Thanks to special arrangements with the American Bible Society, Eric will be able to work on this project essentially full-time this year although we did not reach our December goal of having our entire budget promised. He is very eager to continue working on this project, and his supervisor is very happy that he is able to focus more fully on this work.

In the meantime, we would appreciate your continued prayers for more partners in our ministry so that we can continue to serve with Wycliffe. With Eric's current role, we will have less time to devote to partnership development, but **it is extremely important that we continue to maintain and build our team of financial partners throughout 2014.**

Would you pray for wisdom for us in knowing how to best use our limited time to pursue this goal?

We are encouraged that a couple of new financial partners have joined us recently and a couple of others have

increased their giving. We have also received some rather generous one-time gifts! This means that even though our **promised giving** hasn't really increased (we also lost a few partners in the past year), **the money that came in over the past year was 74% of our budget—a significant increase!** Please continue to pray with us that God would provide more churches and individuals to partner with us in our ministry so that people all around the world can have access to God's Word in the language they understand best!



These three Jita women read the book of Ruth in their own language for the first time when we were in Tanzania. We hope that many more will have access to Scripture in their own languages soon!

THANK YOU to all of you who so faithfully pray and give, as well as to those of you who give on occasion to help us meet our ministry budget. If you would like to partner with us in this work or to increase your giving, please contact us!

Check out this short video about the Digital Bible Library!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=YUtvW0TghZ4

A New Role for Allison

Last newsletter we announced a new role for Eric, and this newsletter we're announcing a new role for Allison! While Allison's primary role will still be caring for Sarah, she is also happy to have an opportunity to be involved part-time at the International Linguistics Center (ILC), where Eric serves. **She is taking over the role of Alumni Relations** for the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics (GIAL), the school where she received her master's degree. While this role will not provide any additional



Here, Joice trains Allison in her role of Alumni Relations. She was very happy to find someone to take over her responsibilities before she and her husband move!

income, it will allow Allison the opportunity to help alumni serving around the world to keep in touch and encourage one another.

Allison hopes that she can keep up with the requirements of this role by working at the ILC one morning a week and doing the rest of the work from home. We'd appreciate prayer that this new role will be a joy and not a burden!

Travels

After visiting many friends, family and churches in November and December, we were happy to meet Sarah's newest cousin at Christmas before she and her family moved to Ireland!



Since our last newsletter, our family of three has spent the night in 9 additional cities in 4 more states (besides revisiting some places we had traveled before). That brings our grand total of travels with Sarah in the past year to overnight stays in 25 cities in 11 states. We're thankful that Sarah has been quite a trooper with all the traveling—but we've also been happy to have some time to rest and get our home more organized these past few weeks.

We have thoroughly enjoyed all the people we have met up with and reconnected with along the way. I wish you all lived closer so we could see you more often! We're also thankful for the opportunity to travel less this next year and hope that most of our goals can be accomplished through shorter weekend trips.

Sarah's Playpen

Sarah celebrated her first birthday in February! She's getting talkative and cuddly, and she's walking all over the place (with occasional crawling thrown in). She thoroughly enjoys saying "hi" and "buh-bye" and likes to tell us when she wants to go outside ("side") or to play on the slide ("thly") or swing ("swuh"). She seems to be adding to her vocabulary every week!



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