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Eric & Allison Pyle – Serving from Dallas, TX to advance Bible translation for Bibleless peoples through software development



Announcing... Jonah Mark Pyle! 🍼

You may have already heard from our digital updates that Jonah Mark Pyle was born on May 3, 2017. He was a healthy 8lb 5oz and 20 ½ inches.



In Eric's words, "We give thanks to God for so many answered prayers and how well things went with the birth. I am so proud of Allison and my new son. I am also thankful for the help of Allison's doula Angelica Montgomery, for Dr. Littrell, and for the Baylor Dallas hospital staff."

Digital Bible Library (DBL) – in Philadelphia 📍

In September, I (Eric) got to fly to **Philadelphia** for a DBL developers conference in conjunction with a broader DBL Summit conference, which was hosted at the main American Bible Society (ABS) office. I discovered that ABS last year celebrated its **200th** year anniversary (since 1816). I had not been prepared to encounter an organization with such a deep American history fused with such an active presence with the Bible at its heart. Looking out the window, I could see **Independence Hall** and the **Liberty Bell** museum across the street.

At the DBL conference we **DBL developers** worked out some of our software issues and plans for going forward.

My DBL team also met with software developers from **Faith Comes By Hearing** who were interested in using some of our new web related services to help them upload their audio Bibles to DBL. Fortunately, we were able to demonstrate an app we've been working on, even though it still needs a lot of work before we can release it.

"Proclaim **LIBERTY**
throughout all the Land
unto all the inhabitants
thereof"

{ Can you **guess** where this quote comes from that was engraved on the **Liberty Bell**? }

The third annual **DBL Summit** meeting was an opportunity for digital publishers to meet face-to-face with Bible agencies with whom they must build relationships before formalizing agreements through the website. I was in awe of the hundred attendees, which made me realize the weight of responsibility that DBL technology has to support that network of people. It was also humbling to realize that DBL is really about relationships that cannot simply be contained by technology.

Biblical Culture Notes 📖

In October, **Eric** helped SIL's Anthropology department publish a new resource for Bible translators called Biblical Culture Notes. These notes provide **cultural categories** and background for the book of Ruth. There have already been over **200 user downloads** from the Digital Bible Library. Notes for Jonah and Leviticus are the next to be released.

You can view the project here: <https://goo.gl/5Re5d5>

Family Updates 👨👩👧👦

Allison had some opportunities to get involved in a refugee ministry near us and has enjoyed the opportunity to put her Swahili to good use! Unfortunately, the family she has been visiting had to move recently because they had too many people for the size of apartment they were in. They would appreciate prayers that they can afford all the expenses of the transition and continuing to adjust to life in the U.S. as a large family!

Allison continues to serve as the nursery coordinator at church and volunteers with the youth group. She also enjoys hospitality and is hoping they'll be able to have people over more now that she has survived another rough pregnancy and they're past the newborn phase! 😊

The **kids** spent a LOT of time at the pool this summer, and Sarah got to go to a half-day dance camp in August! Sarah and Caleb both moved to different rooms in the house this summer to make more room for Jonah.

We've had lots of visits from friends and relatives this year and are enjoying watching how much our kids grow and change between each visit!

► **Kids' Corner** 👨👩👧👦

Jonah 🐟 is now **6 months** old and we expect him to be crawling any day. He makes lots of cute sounds and loves to smile at people! He is also starting to experiment with some foods.

Caleb 👦 turned **2** in August, and he is learning new words all the time. He **LOVES** imitating people around him, talking in his "monster voice," and trying to sing along with songs. He can even count past 10 now!



Sarah 🧒 turned **4 ½** in August. As some of her friends are now busy with kindergarten, it's starting to hit home how soon she'll be in school! Right now, she and Caleb attend childcare at the International Linguistics Center 1 to 2 mornings a week, where they learn a lot and have a lot of fun. They also enjoy MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers), library story time, visits to a friend's house who watches them sometimes, swimming, playing outside, and pretty much any excursions out of the house! Sarah is also very excited to have started back at her second year of dance class!

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