

Wittenbergers Summer Report, 2010

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Dear Friends,

This summer marks 19 years that we have been part of the team of **Bibles International!** BI's vision statement is: *"A conservative Bible translation in every language, a Bible in every hand."* We have been sending out prayer letters for 34 years and for some of you, that means you have been doing a lot of reading and praying! Thank you for standing with us in this ministry God has been blessing. If you have email, and would like to receive our letters that way, please email me at: james@biblesint.org and I will be happy to add you to our email mailing list!

Our prayer card has Luke 21:33 on it, *"Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away."* While many in our country do not value God's Word, there are other people groups who are working hard to get it! One such area is Chad, Africa. The Rito and Dagba NT's have been making slow, but steady progress. In another year the text will be in the final checking stage and soon after that we hope to have the completed text in the office here to do the formatting! This will establish God's Word among these people for the generations to come.

I continue to stay busy doing work for the publishing department as a text editor. I am working lately on projects for the country of Chad. I continue to serve as the Information Systems/Network Assistant to help keep our computers and equipment at BI running well. We have been moving some of our computers up to Windows 7 and find that a good fit! BI would like to replace most of the computers, but are waiting on the Lord to provide the funds for this.

Waalii Bible Dedication

The Waalii Bible dedication took place May 29th in Ghana, W. Africa! Years of work by many people have paid high dividends as the first complete Bible was presented to Hamidu Insah, the chief national translator, by our BI director Hantz Bernard! Hamidu has been paralyzed since he was in high school, but that didn't stop him from doing the work in conjunction with BI consultants and many



Nationals. A great crowd came to the dedication to get one of the 5,000 copies that were printed in India and shipped to Ghana. Many others attended including retired BMM Ghana missionaries Amy Riddel and Iola Boyer who worked on this project.

Manipuri Bible Complete

Don Block and Tomba Singh completed the typeset and layout of the Manipuri Bible for NE India! Tomba has returned to India and the project will be printed there. This will be the fourth complete Bible that BI has produced. It will be a couple months before printing will be complete and the dedication can take place. Recent unrest in Manipur state has disrupted life there and made things difficult for some of the Christians. Pray for them as they await the coming of their Bible.

Next on the list will be the **Kabiye NT for Togo**, W. Africa. We have the text here in the office and the layout work has begun! This is a project that we have been working with for quite a few years and it is good to see it near completion!

Home News

It was 2 years ago that Beth was diagnosed with an inflammatory myopathy called Polymyositis. This auto-immune degenerative muscle disease has been largely controlled, but still gives her a lot of challenges. Continue to pray for her. We have several meetings scheduled this summer and fall in NY and WI. She was not able to go with me to the last 4 church meetings. We are thankful for some new support this year from individuals, and we are seeking to increase our support by about \$1,000.

We want to say thank you for your gifts and prayers that allow us stay involved in this ministry. You mean a lot to us and we are grateful.

With Our Love and Thanks,

James & Beth Wittenberger

Beth and I had a great time at the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music's reunion this summer. It was back in 1975 that I graduated from the Missionary Aviation program and it was a real blessing to see some friends from that time period. The aviation program continues under the name of the School of Missionary Aviation Technology. SMAT is now located in Ionia, MI and continues to train both pilots and mechanics for the mission field.

Rachel and Jayce are home visiting from Colorado. Jayce will soon be 4



years old and we had a lot of fun together over the 4th of July weekend! Cherry picking is great with Sarah's 3 girls!

After breaking 4 ribs on Christmas Eve, I didn't know if I would be able to have a garden or play softball on our church team this summer. Things were a little slow getting started this spring, but now both are under way! So far my garden is more successful than our softball team, but both are fun and I am glad to be able to do them!

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