

October 12, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Harvest Baptist Church,

Our most recent translation check was finished last week. We ended up checking 1,488 verses. The first two days of the check we were able to get 570 verses checked. The 283 verses on the second day was a record for us and also for our checker. At this point we have 97% of the New Testament checked. We still have another 1,000 verses from the Old Testament that we need to check. We are tentatively planning our last check the Spring of 2023.

On the fourth day of the check I was feeling pretty tired, so God provided a pick-me-up for me. At 10 AM I went out to our generator shed. There was a cobra in the shed. A half hour later, he was dead, and I was wide awake.

Our checker (Bob Clark) planned to go out a day early on Monday. But on Saturday night, we had an epic rainstorm that flooded most of our province. Bella and I went walking on Monday, we were wading through water on the low trails. The water took several days to go down. Since many of the roads were under water, the trip out to town on Monday had to be postponed. Bob finally went out this morning (Tuesday). Bella went out with him to see a dentist. She lost a filling a couple of weeks ago. She should be back in here on Friday.

During the check, one of our house girls became engaged to be married. She has worked for us for around 10 years. It was good to see her marrying a solid Christian man from a nearby tribe.

The men and I continue to teach in here. They study with various groups 5 nights a week, both in our village and in some of the surrounding villages. I usually only teach 3 times a week. On Sunday morning, I am teaching on giving right now. This is a traditional area of weakness for the folks here. Please pray that they will understand the joy and privilege of giving back to God. After the first message, one man got up and talked about how stingy he is. Naturally it was the most generous man in our church.

Thanks so much for your prayers for us and the folks here. Thank you too for the \$100 that you sent to us in September.

Yours in Christ,

Paul and Bella

The pictures are of Bella, Bob and two of the ladies who helped us with the check. The second one is at the engagement meal for our house girl. Most folks here eat with their fingers. Although I can do that, I usually bring a spoon.

