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(with Pioneer Bible Translators)

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Translating Bibles Into Languages That Never Had One Before

Please Keep Praying!

Chris' work permit has been denied by the Tanzanian government. His current yearly work permit expires March 20th. After that date, Chris cannot work in the PBT office with the other missionaries, but must work remotely from his home. He is in the process of writing a formal appeal which needs to be hand carried to the capitol of Tanzania, the city of Dodoma. However, the road to Dodoma has been washed out due to heavy flooding that has been taking place all over east Africa. So it's unknown when that can happen. It's also unknown how long it will take to hear any results concerning the appeal once it is submitted. However, if the appeal is not approved by April 20th, they will need to leave the country, at least temporarily, and possible return after a few days perhaps with a different type of visa such as a 90-day tourist visa. That's just one of several possible alternatives they are investigating. But no matter what happens they believe that God is in control and trust Him with everything that's going on. Please keep praying about this situation.

Translation Work Continues

Three unique languages—the Makonde, the Zaramo, and the Mwera languages—now have the entire New Testament completely translated for the first time ever.

Two of the languages each have over a million people who speak those languages. As you can see, there is a substantial number of people who will be able to read the Bible in their language for the first time.

Now that translation is complete, it's time to publish these languages in book form to be distributed. Chris is working on typesetting (getting the text ready for the printers). Specifically he is currently working with the Makonde New Testament translation. Hopefully in the next few weeks this typesetting work will be completed.

Pray that the Lord blesses this work that is going on in these three languages, that the printing goes as planned, and that the Bibles are distributed effectively. Also pray that lives are transformed and many come to Christ as a result, and that generations to come will be affected.

Heavy Flooding

Heavy rain is once again affecting parts of Tanzania, blocking roads in several regions and destroying an important bridge in Morogoro.



Back From Uganda

Chris and Emily visited Uganda for a few days recently. Miles and Selah stayed with friends. They met with the North Africa branch of PBT whose missionaries work remotely to South Sudan. They were taken around the city of Kampala where PBT has a compound. This was just an exploratory trip to investigate the possibility of working remotely from Uganda just in case that became a necessity. All alternatives are being considered just as a precaution. Please keep praying.

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