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The Great Commission is our Mission!



I am very thankful to God and to you who have partnered with us to help make this possible through your prayer and financial support. I believe that God is hearing our prayers, and that we will make a significant difference in bringing the Word of God to people who are still waiting for this life-giving message. May God richly reward you!

playing with my family in the woods. I obviously shouldn't have done that, because it really hurts when you break your right radius bone and dislocate your elbow. I thank God for protecting me from worse injury and for supernaturally rapid recovery. I didn't miss any school, and I was able to get all of my homework done for the session that just ended. Praise God! Jesus Christ is still our healer!

Howdy, Y'all!

The picture below was taken from the top of the observation tower at the Dallas Nature Center. At 755 feet above sea level, this hill was the closest thing to a mountain we could find. Joe Pool Lake is in the background. We miss the mountains, but there are some nice places to hike around here.

School Time

Hallelujah! It is awesome to be going to school here at the Graduate Institute for Applied Linguistics. I admit that I am quite relieved to have finished the first session (out of four), because the academic load is intense, but the information we are learning is all directly applicable to Bible translation.

I am in daily contact with people who have been successful at bringing the Word of God to new language groups. There is so much more here than the intensive linguistics training and academics. I get to see the spark in the eyes of people who actually have seen the impact the Word of God makes on people when presented to them in their own heart language.

I have learned of revival among the Ono people of Papua New Guinea directly from their translation team leader. I get to worship God in chapel with Bible translators from all over the world. I hear about Viet Nam, too.

Oops!

On Sunday, the 21st of January, I tripped and fell while running downhill,





Kid's Column

By Nate, Ben, and Evan

We made it to Texas!

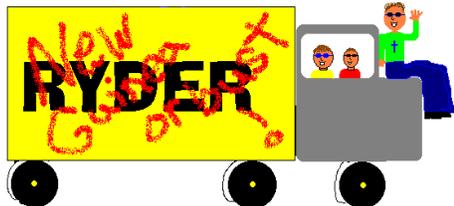


Illustration by Ben

We are getting used to Texas and our different school schedule: home-schooling with Mom. We start by 8:30 a.m. and usually finish by 3:00 p.m. We have gotten to do some cool stuff like go to the Dallas Nature Center, swimming (every Saturday), Dallas Zoo, Royal Ranger activities and lots of exploring (that's Mom's word for getting lost).

As the new missionary kids on the block we have been learning the culture and the language in our new home. This is our dictionary we have come up with so far, so if any of you are planning to visit Texas make sure you practice these well. See ya partners....

Texan—English Dictionary

ain't: slang for are not, is not, has not, have not and am not

fixin' to: getting ready to

hankerin': desire

owdy: hello; common greeting

mess of: bunch of

metroplex: Dallas, Fort Worth, and surrounding areas

natatorium: swimming pool

reckon: suppose

sphyserinctum: umph (I'm not kidding)

taters: potatoes

umble: humble

warsh: wash

ya'll: slang for "ya all" which is slang for "you all"

yearnin': feeling a need for

yonder: over there

NOTE: All words should be given a slurred uuuuuu sound example: y'all + yull = yawll

Lori's Notes

As with the boys, I am adjusting to not only Texas, but a whole different type of schedule and work — and I love it! The most positive aspect is that I get to spend lots of time with the boys. As Ben said the other day, "we sure are REALLY getting to know each other better!" It's true! Home-schooling has been a challenge, but we are all doing well and finding it has a lot of benefits.

Another blessing is that we have found a great church that is caring, has great teaching and worship, and even has a Royal Ranger program for the boys. We know that God went before us and prepared a wonderful place for us to enjoy and learn while we are in training. Our prayer for our partners is that we hope that you also know that you are in the right place, serving and loving God with all your heart, mind, soul and body. Blessings....

Keeping Balanced

"But seek first God's Kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well."

— Matthew 6:33 (WEB)

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be given to you. For with the same measure you measure it will be measured back to you."

— Luke 6:38 (WEB)

Prayer Requests

Please pray for us for:

- Health & healing for our family
- Provision to fulfill the vision
- Wise time & money management
- Lori's strength & wisdom in home-schooling

- Nate, Ben, and Evan's schooling and adaptation to changes
- Michael's academics & balance with other time demands
- Open doors to the specific areas of ministry God has for us
- The right strategic contacts to be made while we are here
- Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leading
- For God to send more laborers into His harvest, including into Bible translation work
- For Bible-less people groups to get the Scriptures in the language they understand best soon
- For all of our partners, for God to bless, prosper, and protect them, keep them healthy, and grant them great peace.

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