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Studying Languages

Is linguistics a pasta or a disease? Neither!

Linguistics is the study of languages. According to the year 2000 *Ethnologue*,

there are **6,809 living human languages** spoken on this planet. I'm learning sounds, types of grammars, and procedures that are useful for describing, analyzing, and understanding all of them. It is **time well spent**, and I enjoy the challenge.

I'm learning to write, analyze, and learn to speak unwritten minority languages efficiently, starting from scratch. We are practicing our techniques in learning some real languages. In my case, the language is **Indonesian**.



field work (in Papua New Guinea) and work with the SIL Academic Computing team (in Dallas). **Please pray** for the required logistical details to come together.

Lori's Notes

We had a **great time visiting Colorado** on Mike's Easter break. Three and a half days wasn't long enough! Thank you everyone who provided hospitality. We had a blast!



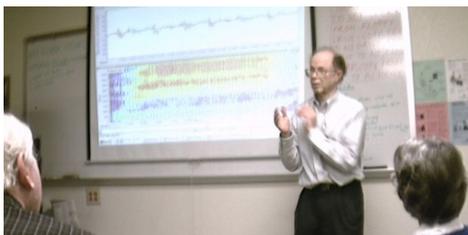
We will soon be on the move again, to attend the Domata School of Missions in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. We leave May 25th, and will finish the training on August 17th.

Many of you have asked how you can help us. Foremost, you can become **PRAYER** partners with us. We are in full-time missionary service and we really need your prayers. Here are some specifics of how you can pray for the Johnson family:

Colossians 1:9,10: That the Johnson family would walk in God's will, bear fruit and be pleasing to Him in all that they do.

Psalms 91: Divine protection over the Johnson family

You can also help us by becoming **financial partners** with us. We receive no salary, but rely on God to meet our needs through His people. If God puts it on your heart to partner with us in this way, just send your tax-deductible donation payable to "Evangel Bible Translators" designated "for Michael & Lori Johnson" to our address above or directly to EBT's California address. **Thank you**, partners! Philippians 1:4-6 is for you!!!



In the picture, above, Dr. Norris McKinney, translator of the Bajju New Testament, is explaining a computerized graphical analysis of some speech, and how that correlates to what the vocal tract does.

It is becoming much more clear to me what I will be doing after I complete my initial training. The doors are opening for me to combine my **software development** skills with my new **linguistic knowledge** to **write some computer software** that will help **speed up the Bible translation process**. My missionary work assignment is likely to include both

Kid's Column

By Nate, Ben, and Evan

Hello! We've been enjoying being home-schooled by our wonderful mother, Mrs. Johnson. (I didn't bribe them for saying this! Honestly!) Some of our friends have asked us how long we spend home-schooling every day. The answer is that it



Nate swinging

varies, but usually between 3-6 hours. Along with our normal subjects we learn new and fascinating facts from our fellow Texans. Did you know that April 22 is Texas' independence day? Well, I guess you learn something new every day. We do other activities besides school. **Evan** swims on the Southwest Aquatic of Texas (S. W. A. T.) and has won ribbons in his last two swim meets.



Ben fiddling

Ben is still fiddling. He just has his Spring recital last week and did great on his solo. **Nate** is on the drama team at church and just went to **Acquire The Fire** with the youth group. We hope ya'll are having a good time following God's plan for your life. Until next time, we'll ride off into the Texas sunset.



Evan smiling