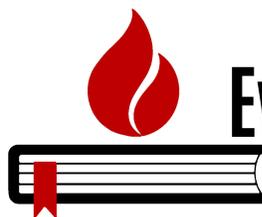


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The Great Commission is
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Commencement

Why do they call the end of a school “commencement”? Because it really is the beginning of something new. As I reflect on the many things that I learned about linguistics at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics (G. I. A. L.), I realize that what I don’t know about linguistics would still fill a very large library. Nevertheless, what I did learn is very useful (and even essential) to the Bible translation software development work that God has called me to. It isn’t about the certificate or the grades (which were good), or about me, but about **reaching more people with the Word of God in their own languages.**

We are now in a missionary “finishing school” called The Domata School of Missions in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. This school is providing us with **practical advice, spiritual guidance, and burning inspiration** designed to increase our **effectiveness** and **staying power** as ambassadors for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Let’s Change these Statistics!

According to the latest S. I. L. Bible translation needs bulletin:

- ▶ 4,569 of 6,809 living languages have no Scripture. That is about **2/3 of the world’s languages with not even a page of the Holy Bible.**
- ▶ 508,600,000 people have no Scripture in their own language.

“Pray therefore that the Lord of the harvest will send out laborers into his harvest.” — Matthew 9:38



Lori’s Notes

We are blessed! Not so much because we are living in heat and humidity in Tulsa, Oklahoma, but because we have the privilege of attending an awesome school.

The first day of school I heard, “preparation time is NEVER wasted time.” To be honest, there are some days I just want to get on an airplane and GO! Yet, I know this time is so valuable. The best thing is that Mike and I get to attend this together! I can tell it is making us stronger spiritually and we get to read, study and spend more time together. We know God intended this, as it says in *Ecclesiastes 4:12*, **“And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.”**

We know there is power in the prayer of agreement. *Matthew 18:20* says, **“for where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst.”**

Every night we read the Bible together as a family and make confessions of God’s Word. This is powerful! This isn’t something we have begun just because we are now missionaries, but it’s something we have been doing for years. It has helped prepare us for this time but also for the everyday happenings of this world.

If you would like us to agree with you about something in prayer, please e-mail us and we will make it a prayer of ours. You are important to us!

Kid’s Column

By Nate, Ben, and Evan

Hello, believe it or not we ALL arrived in Tulsa. Finals week at G.I. A.L. and packing took a hard hit on our parents, though. Dad put the milk on the top of the refrigerator and mom put the newspaper in the microwave. The week after we arrived in Tulsa, we gave mom and dad a break by going to our Aunt and Uncle’s house in Missouri. We met the next weekend in Branson for a camping trip. My Dad found a place next to a waste lagoon at Table Rock Lake. He thought it looked good on the map. Ben found a turtle in the waste lagoon. What was he doing in the lagoon? Don’t ask.



Trying Indonesian food
That’s pretty much all the interesting stuff that’s happened to us, except for the day we saw a bunch of old ladies, all in white floppy hats, garage sale shopping in a sleek, white limousine. Must be a Tulsa thing.

We’ve also all been helping out at Domata’s shipping and receiving department. So if anyone receives a mailing from Domata with your name upside down you’ll know why. So long from Tulsa, Oklahoma, home of this year’s U.S. Open.