Reed Reflections

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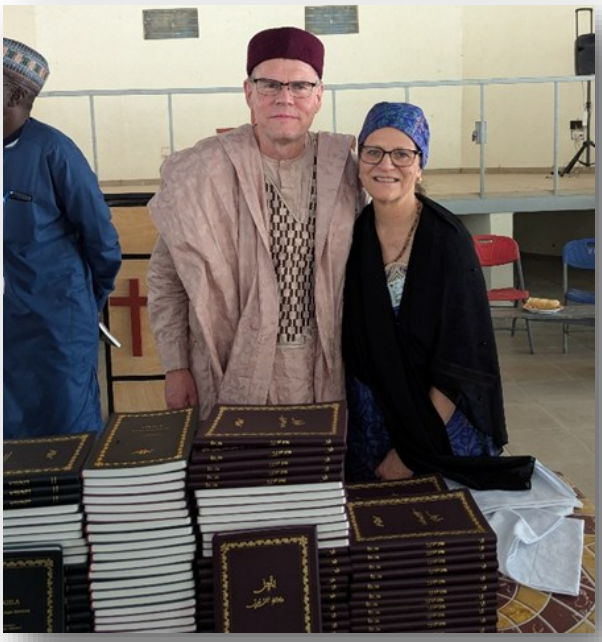
Significant Ripples In Which You Had a Part: Scriptures in the Makori* Language!

Look what **God** has done, and what **you** as our partners also had a hand in through your support of us and our ministry! Almost 20 years ago, Robert had Eric Fields as a student, giving Robert the privilege of playing a small part in what God was doing and would be doing through Eric. This was the proverbial "dropping of a pebble" whose ripples continue to this day. Eric and his wife Amy were Bible translators for the Makori people in a sensitive country.



Eric and Amy at the Makori New Testament Dedication

Just a few weeks ago (on February 15), the Makori language New Testaments were dedicated in a joyful multi-faceted ceremony in West Africa. There were many unbelievers in the gathering of roughly 200 people. That day, New Testaments and other printed materials along with 200 SD cards containing all the different audio and video Scripture resources available in Makori were distributed. **Pray** that many people will use these on their smartphones and share the content with others. **Pray** that God will utilize all of these means to communicate His message of reconciliation to the Makori people, wherever they are located. **Pray** that the team will be wise as they plan activities to help people to engage with the Makori Scriptures. **Pray** as Old Testament translation work is already underway.

(*Makori *is the pseudonym used to protect the work among this people group.*)

We Asked You To Pray…This Is What Is Happening

In our last letter, we told you that Les Nordman was in a Denver cancer hospital fighting leukemia. Les is the husband of my cousin Esther who is the finance officer for Partners in Joy, responsible for receiving donations and disbursing funds to the numerous ministries of Partners in Joy. **Rejoice** with us that in miraculous answer to prayer, Les's red and white blood cells and platelets are currently back up in the normal range (though fluctuations will occur as the leukemia is fought), and he has returned home where he can take chemo orally! A bone marrow transplant will probably not be necessary. Your

continued prayers for wisdom and skill for the doctors, for peace, for Les' continued good response to treatment, as well as provision for all his medical expenses would be much appreciated. Les has a CaringBridge page (https://bit.ly/41KFYyp) and a GoFundMe page (https://bit.ly/4imVyHI).

Look What Else God Did!

We reported this cool God-story on Facebook, but I'm including it here for folks who haven't heard. Our grandson Daniel (21) was recently diagnosed with a rare, aggressive form of skin cancer on his ear, which years ago was misdiagnosed as something benign. Praise God that in all those years, He miraculously kept this aggressive cancer from going into Daniel's lympatic system, and the cancer was able to be removed in its entirety in mid-March. What a blessing!

Daniel and me a few days after his cancer surgery.

Thank You!

It is such a privilege for us to play a small part in what God is doing all around the world, and you help make that possible. Thank you for giving and praying and being part of the team advancing the Kingdom! You have a vital role in what God is doing in the world!

Praise and Prayer

- Pray for health and energy to live each day with vim and vigor for our King.
- Pray for constantly increasing spiritual depth and vitality for us, our kids, and our grandkids.
- Pray that ProMETA, the online school we work with in Costa Rica, will flourish for God's glory.
- Praise God that the Makori people now have the New Testament in their language. Pray for Eric and Amy as they work to encourage Scripture use.
- Praise for what God did for our grandson Daniel. Pray for no recurrence of cancer.
- Pray for Les Nordman and his wife Esther as Les continues to fight leukemia. Praise God for what He has already done!

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