

Reed Reflections

...from the desk of Judy Reed



Developing affordable quality training for third world missionaries

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Case in Point



We'd like to introduce you to **Delcy**. Delcy is a Colombian missionary doing Bible translation for the Katio people of Colombia, carrying on work started by a Wycliffe missionary. She is doing a fabulous job! Delcy received her training at CILTA, the missionary training school in Peru where Robert taught in 2015. In order to take this training, Delcy had to travel to Peru and pay for tuition, room and board. It was excellent but very expensive.

Meet her co-worker **Claudia**, also a Colombian missionary. She helps Delcy with literacy and audiovisuals among the Katios. She also works as a civil engineer for a mining company to help fund their missionary work because the financial support they receive is minimal. (It can be very hard to raise support in third world countries. Even with her salary,

they need more income.) Claudia did not go to CILTA. But she is interested in taking some of Robert's courses down the road to improve her skills for the ministry. *She will not have to travel anywhere to take Robert's courses. She will be able to do it online right at home at little or no cost to herself, fitting them into her schedule as she is able. This is the dream Robert has had. To be able to offer courses to third world missionaries wherever they are, at little or no cost to them.* To be clear, Robert's repertoire of courses will not overlap with CILTA's. But he desires that third world missionaries be able to get valuable training right where they are to help them be successful in their ministries.

He has more ideas for courses to write than he could complete in a lifetime. He currently has about 30 courses in various stages of development.

Fun facts: Delcy was in the first graduating class of CILTA, and was also the first missionary sent out by a church that Robert's dad pastored in Colombia in its early days more than 70 years ago!

Please pray for Delcy and Claudia as they work to translate God's Word and teach the people to read it, as well as handle medical emergencies, etc. Pray for wisdom, health and strength, and adequate funding.



Family Matters!

Robert's diabetic ulcer is now healed, and we are so grateful to God for His grace in our lives! Pray for continued foot health for him, as well as improved general health.

Our busy Seattle nurse-midwife, **Robin** (who now goes by Rob), recently took advantage of a several-day break in a hectic work schedule to come visit us! We had a wonderful, fun time together! Rob was recently named 2019 Top Nurse Practitioner by Seattle Met Magazine. Way to go, Rob!

Christie home schools her three children, teaches at a home school co-op, tutors locally, and teaches English online to Chinese children. She is burning the candle at both ends to help make ends meet as her husband has been without a job for nine months. Thankfully he is beginning to get a few independent jobs as a notary. He is also involved in several ministries and is pushing to meet a publisher deadline for a book he is writing.

Mom continues to do well, especially considering that she had a stroke last year. We are so glad that she can live with us. She turns 92 this month!

I keep busy and happy caring for Mom and staying in touch with our awesome support team. I am involved in a number of other pursuits as well. I continue to be cancer-free, for which I am supremely thankful to God. He has blessed me so much more than I deserve!



Enjoying a meal together: Robert (in foreground), Christie, Daniel (16), Nathan (11, peeking around Daniel), me, Mom, Deborah (13), Rob (taking the family selfie). Son-in-law Jason was unable to be with us. :(

Thank you, dear ones, for standing with us, some of you throughout the 45+ years of our ministry. We love and appreciate you!

Happy Thanksgiving, y'all! And a blessed Christmas and New Year!

Praise and Prayer

- Wisdom, health, strength and adequate funding for Delcy and Claudia.
- Praise God for healing for the diabetic ulcer on Robert's foot. Continue to pray for our health, for wisdom in all we do, and that God will be glorified through us.
- Thank God for a wonderful family time when Rob was here. Please pray for Rob who faces surgery the day after Christmas. Also for Christie's health and for provision for their family.

"The world is not falling apart, it is falling into place. God has a plan and it's unstoppable. Jesus is coming soon!"

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