

Dear praying friends,

It has been six months since I have written to update you on my activities. November and December were busy for me like for all of you. Besides the festivities, I was working on checking the model for the book of Psalms. I didn't get too far since I had to make a number of changes and do a lot of thinking about exactly what the verse was saying. This model was done years ago, so we have updated and changed how we do the model. Along with the new changes, I added notes to help the translator and consultant. The models are a big help for the translators when they start to translate a book.

In February I took a few weeks off for furlough and went to Florida to visit family. I got a lot of correspondence done during down times so it was profitable as well as relaxing!

I was home about five days when I came down sick. It took three weeks to get back on my feet. I quickly turned from Psalms and started to check the translation of Genesis in Tenek. The workshop was to start the next month. I got most of the first 25 chapters reviewed.

Fernando, the translator, Christy, his wife, Claudi, his daughter, and Blanche, Christy's Mom, all arrived safe and sound on April 20th. The three days before that I spent shopping, cooking and cleaning for the guests. My home church sent meals each week day for our evening meal. It was a great help!

Even though Christy and Claudi came down with bad colds, God protected Fernando and I so that we never missed a day of work for the two weeks that we were scheduled to work. We were able to check 17 chapters of Genesis. This is a good amount for the first workshop with me as their consultant. The first three days were spent reviewing and learning how better to use Paratext, the translation program we use. It takes more time in the beginning but speeds the whole process later. Once they left for Mexico, I was exhausted and needed to rest a lot!

I also have had a lot of medical visits and tests taken. Pray for my health as I will be having thyroid surgery in the future.

Thank you all for the prayers you have said for me and my ministry.

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