

Dear Friends,

It's been a little while since we sent an update. As always, there are fun events as well as difficult ones to report.

On the fun events front, we are so proud of our daughter Mikella, who just launched her first book with Tyndale (with an accompanying Bible study).

Her book, *Chasing Sacred*, teaches how to study the Bible using the inductive study approach. Throughout the book, she weaves her own stories. The book is in audio form as well. There is also a



Bible study book to apply what you learn as you study the books of Colossians and Philemon. If you want to support Mikella, buy her books at Amazon, christianbook.com, or Barnes and Noble. 😊 [Chasing Sacred: Learn How to Study Scripture to Pursue God and Find Hope in Him - Kindle edition by Van Dyke, Mikella. Religion & Spirituality Kindle eBooks @ Amazon.com.](#)

My (John's) mom has given Mikella's book a thumbs up. 😊 She started reading yesterday and texted, "Mikella's book is so good." And she bought 3 more to give away.

Grandparents and grandkids! We've had quite a bit of travel this summer, but one of our favorites is our annual grandparent, grandchild (Briana's kids) camping trip. Our parents stay in a cabin or hotel while we and the grandkids camp in the tent. It's always great fun. This is our 7th year. We brought a new game where you had to throw sticks to knock down wood blocks. Guess who did the best? My mom and Brooke's dad, both in their 80s! Very impressive!



RK Update: On the sobering front, while the work on the RK Old Testament continues without interruption, the conditions for the RK people continue to be terrible. In the last few weeks, the brutal military junta dropped two 500 lb bombs on the RK people who had fled, killing 9 of them. They were in a displaced people camp close to where Mr. M lived before he fled. This happens all the time: war crime after war crime. Amidst this chaos, translator Mr. Raysa welcomed their second child into the world, a new life amidst so much darkness.

Work Update: Finally, as Brooke finishes up her first check of 1 Chronicles, John has been navigating a budget shortage with his Mainland Asia Team. This has meant figuring out how to maintain projects on lesser budgets while watching God's provision for funds to pay for new translation projects that need God's Word in their language.

Please pray for:

- 1) the safety of our translators (Mr. M, Mr. Raysa, Mrs. Zaro)
- 2) the safe delivery of one box each of Kawzyaw, Manyaw, and Talya Bibles to the homeland. These are the first Scriptures for these language groups, Bibles that have been stuck at the border for a long time because of the war. If this new approach works, we will send more.
- 3) joy in seeing the creative ways in which God provides for us financially, as we have had several low months this summer

Blessings on each of you faithful friends,

John & Brooke

