

# Heart for Central Africa



## HARVEYS' MINISTRY IN CENTRAL EAST AFRICA

Year End 2018

### TRANSLATION PROGRESS

#### New Testament Pre-publication Checks

Brad visited the Omaraz translation team for three weeks in September to help them with pre-publication checks. He continues to proofread from home, even after sending the main text to the typesetter on December 17<sup>th</sup>, trying to make sure the glossary is correct, inserting pictures and maps, and



**Final Field Testing**

proof reading captions. He is responding to the type-setter's questions as well, but the time for corrections or updates is quickly drawing to a close! Additionally, much of The Jesus Film script had to be shortened so that the Omaraz voice actors will be in sync with the actors in the film. They will begin recording The Jesus film at the end of this month, then Brad will visit the team again in February.



**Back: Bradley, Morrie, Yuda  
Front: Tammie & Brad**

### Evangelism Among the Omaraz

Even though the evangelistic outreach in August seemed to have yielded great results at first, it appears it was not successful in the end. Instead of following the instructions and continuing with in-home Bible studies for new believers and seekers for a few years, some overly eager local pastors insisted they come to church immediately. When they did, they received threats from their families and were forbidden to continue the Bible studies. The pastors blame the people themselves for leaving the church, and say the program failed; they are looking for new converts elsewhere. The evangelism team will lead another outreach early next year in another village. They will use smaller teams and rely on lay people instead of working with pastors to see if the lay people will follow the program to continue with home groups instead of pushing them into church too quickly. This will allow their faith to grow deep enough to hopefully withstand the family and societal pressures they will face when they move into the churches.



**Evangelism Training**

### Brad's PhD Progress & Consultant Training

In September, Brad made more progress on his PhD, the Omaraz Grammar, and he will stop in the Netherlands again in March on his way home from Tanzania. He will do some additional research among mother-tongue Omaraz speakers while in Tanzania.

Brad and his mentor, Tom, agree that he should be able to complete his training and other requirements to be a fully vetted Translation Consultant by the end of 2019. As part of Brad's continuing training, he will consultant check Philippians, Ephesians and part of Revelation in a language in Northeast Tanzania in February and March under the supervision of Tom's boss. Unfortunately Tom was diagnosed with cancer in October and is now in the US receiving treatment. The doctors are very optimistic; the cancerous kidney was removed and they've found no evidence of metastasis. Please pray for Tom and his wife through this difficult time.

## Home Assignment

Though most of our reporting requirements to supporters have been completed early in our extended home assignment, Brad continues to work full-time in fulfilling ministry responsibilities overseas from here in the US as previously outlined. He also took an online class in Translation Consulting. So this is very much a “working home assignment.”

Tammie was able to attend two professional development trainings in the Fall: One on Change Management and the other, Ken Blanchard’s Situational Leadership II workshop and Training for Trainers. She has been contacted by another relocation company in Dallas to potentially provide some cross-cultural training in NW Arkansas and recently presented an online web training for a group of Belgians doing water projects throughout Kenya. Tammie finally got connected with CanopyNWA, a Refugee Resettlement organization, and our whole family attended a holiday meal organized by the refugees as a thank you for volunteers. Tammie has gotten plugged in as a Swahili interpreter for newly arriving refugees from Congo who speak no English. She met a family at the airport with the welcoming team, orientated them to their new apartment and interpreted for government paperwork, at the doctor’s office, for the school guidance counselor, and just over the phone to assist communication sometimes. Another Congolese family is scheduled to arrive before the end of this month. She and Yuda are also continuing in their volunteer youth mentoring rolls this Spring semester as well.



**A Refugee Family Welcomed ‘Home’**

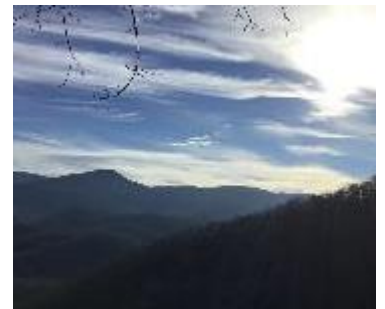
As you can tell, we have stayed very busy, so many of the projects at home haven’t moved ahead as much as we would have liked, especially with travels to Tennessee for a graduation and Indiana for Christmas with Brad’s family. Now with the shorter days, we are hurrying to get some exterior projects completed in the few remaining mild days before cold weather really sets in; there is still a little painting that needs to be completed on the porch. Brad is chopping firewood almost daily to keep our fireplace going during the coldest days! One of our main goals during our time in the US is to get our adult kids settled well; they’ve all made good strides!

## The ‘Kids’: Steps to Independence



**Graduation**

**Bradley** graduated from Milligan College on December 14! He was chosen to open the graduation ceremony with prayer and was awarded a medalion for Theater Honor Society. After graduation, we were able to spend a few days together as a family in the Smokie Mountains before returning to Johnson City to help him find an apartment, a quad near the State University. He likes his roommates so far and is looking hard for a job, preferably one where he can use his gifts in the fine arts.



**Retreat to the Smokies**

**Morrie** still doesn’t have normal energy, though her thyroid labs show she needs a reduction of meds. Taking 18 hours last semester proved to be too much for her with work study and working with the children’s program at church on Wednesday nights. She is only taking 15 hours this semester and will cut work back to only work study. Pray for the doctors’ wisdom to get her health issues resolved, or for healing! We’ll go back to her primary care physician to follow up on anemia issues. But she and the boys did get to enjoy celebrating New Years with their cousin in Tulsa, Morrie’s boyfriend, and another friend from High School that also attends JBU.



**Ring in the New Year**



**Toccoa Falls, GA**

**Yuda** passed his final GED exam the day before we left to attend Bradley's graduation! Yuda's graduation ceremony will be in May. In October we travelled to Toccoa, Georgia, to visit Paradise Mountain Ministries (PMM), a missionary kids' ministry, and North Georgia Technical College (NGTC), where they offer an Associate Degree or Diploma in Photography. Yuda is very excited about the possibility of living at PMM and attending NGTC. He completed an application to move to PMM in mid-June, which will allow him to get settled before starting the photography program in August, and he'll hear back by mid-February. Yuda got a high-end camera and MacBook, recommended for the photography program, for his birthday and Christmas. He will continue to study a bit to better prepare for the Math and English required in the photography program. In the mean time, he is applying for jobs to save some money for other school expenses.

### **Health Updates...**

**Brad's** stem cell injections in his back have resolved much of his sciatica. He's still being very careful, but is able to stand for longer and only wears his back brace when he is doing maintenance projects or chopping wood. He can continue to feel improvement for up to a year, so pray healing continues to completion!

**Tammie's** energy is still good, maybe too good as she is having trouble going to sleep. This along with our travels over the holidays has caused her diabetes to be out of control. Pray she can get herself back on track, preferably without having to increase her medications. We all have our annual check-ups coming up soon.

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events . . .**

- Jan-Feb Recording of Jesus Film in Omaraz
- Feb-Mar Brad travel to Tanzania for Consultant Check and final Omaraz New Testament checks
- Mar Stopover in Leiden, the Netherlands, to work on Ph.D.
- May Tammie attend SIETAR\*-Europa Congress in Belgium to present a workshop on Change Management. (\*Society of Intercultural Education, Training and Research)

### **PRAYER & PRAISES**

- Praise for completion of the 'Omaraz' New Testament. Pray for publication process & dubbing of Jesus Film.
- Pray for Omaraz who responded to the Gospel in August outreach; that despite hostile environment and threats they will stand up for their faith. Pray more Omaraz people will respond to the outreach planned in 2019.
- Pray for Brad's mentor, Tom, as he goes through treatment for cancer over the next year.
- Continue praying for our ongoing health issues: Brad's back and blood pressure, Morrie's anemia, and Tammie's diabetes: For us to find the time needed to exercise appropriately.
- Praise for progress in health issues too: Everyone's thyroid under control, and Brad's back improvements.
- Pray for the kids' steps toward independence: Morrie's studies; Yuda's move to GA; Bradley's job search.
- Pray for Brad's progress on his PhD and consultant training in the midst of home projects.
- Pray for Tammie's volunteer ministry with the Congolese refugees in our area, especially efforts to organize a co-sponsor team to for a new family on top of her interpretation duties.

Blessings to All,  
*The Harvey Family*

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