

Heart for Central Africa



HARVEYS: IN CENTRAL EAST AFRICA

Spring 2017

TRANSLATION PROGRESS

New Testament 78% Consultant Checked

In Jan-Mar, Brad and the 'Omaraz' translators finished the Exegetical Check of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. In April, Brad proofread the books of 1 & 2 Timothy and 1 & 2 Thessalonians. He tried to Skype with the translators for the Exegetical Check, but Skype did not work on the translator's computer. They are currently working on recommended corrections. In June, Brad will meet with them to do a final read through of those books before the Consultant Check. In March, 2 Corinthians, Galatians and Ephesians were Consultant Checked. The New Testament is now 81% Exegetically Checked & 78% Consultant Checked!



Bradley, Morrie, Tammie, Yuda & Brad Harvey (L-R)

In the Home Stretch ... & A New Evangelism Team

The current funding grant for the 'Omaraz' New Testament ends in March 2018, so there is a big push to finish the New Testament by then. Consultations are planned for July and October this year and March 2018, each one covering about 600 verses. That means Brad is busy proofreading to prepare for Exegetical Checks so that the Consultants can view the corrected texts a few months before each Consultation. It also means the recording of the Jesus Film will be postponed until next year.

The lead translator asked for help with evangelism among the 'Omaraz' people; within a week, Brad received an email about a Kenyan missionary couple who have finished training and were asking for contacts to begin working among the 'Omaraz.' Brad has connected them via email; pray for God to do mighty things through this new evangelism effort to the "Omaraz" as a result of this divine connection.

Brad's Consultant Training Officially Begins

Brad is finally making progress on becoming a translation consultant; a consultant from another organization has agreed to mentor him, and he has received support from two branches in this organization who desire him to assist with their consultant needs. In May, he began training by attending a two week workshop just outside of Nairobi; he had to prepare a short teaching session to present on the intertestamental period of history. Brad has been invited by his new mentor to observe and help consultant check a few chapters of Luke in a Central Tanzanian language in August.



Brad Teaches at Consultant Training

Transition to Heart for Central Africa – HFCA

The change of organizations to Heart for Central Africa went very smoothly; there is hardly a difference in work related items except fewer meetings, questionnaires and finance responsibilities. We are also saving money by choosing our own health care plan instead of being on a required group policy, which didn't meet our needs well. Our monthly administrative fees are also less. Regretfully, we did lose one long-time individual supporter in the transition who works directly with PBT themselves.

Eternal Transition: “Babu” Jameson Chiziwa

A long-time friend and co-worker, Jameson Chiziwa, passed away in March. Everyone called him Babu, which means “Grandfather;” he was very much a grandfather to our children and an African father to us with his encouragement and cultural advice. We met him in 1998 when we lived in Dodoma; he volunteered to help distribute food during a famine, and he never asked for anything in return. We decided he deserved some work with such an attitude. He began by gardening and doing yard work. He watched the kids, even escorting them to and from school on foot, or by bike or scooter.



Yuda, ‘Babu’ & Bradley c. 2001

As our work expanded, Babu traveled with our survey team and worked as the receptionist in the office. He seemed to meet someone he knew on every trip, which provided more credibility to our work and smoothed the way for our research. Eventually, he became the government liaison for the branch, visiting Immigration and other government offices on our behalf. When he was told to wait or come back tomorrow, he would actually point to his head and say with a smile, “You’re not respecting my grey hair!” (Which is a big thing in African Culture!). He was often able to get paperwork in a couple of days instead of weeks. Babu spoke 12 languages and was able to greet people in several others; he was able to speak to Yuda’s social worker in a common language to vouch for us in the adoption process. We’ll probably never know just how much Babu’s humble, behind the scenes service has benefited the progress of Bible translation in Tanzania over the last 15 years.



Babu, His Wife & Son

Babu leaves behind his elderly wife to care for their adult son, who has severe cerebral palsy; we provided funds for the purchase of a new wheel chair when we visited Tanzania last July. Recently, we funded a pre-pay electric meter to be installed in an outside room of their house so that his wife can rent it out for a steady income. The East Africa Branch is overseeing final touches in renovating three rooms, like ceiling boards, painting, wiring etc. If you would like to contribute to this project for Babu’s widow and special needs son, just include a note with your contribution sent to our forwarding agent.

Home Assignment: November 2017-June 2018

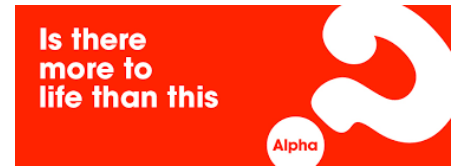
We will begin our home assignment in November this year through June 2018, less holiday time and short-trips back to Africa. The first weekend in November we’ll be in Texas at the ‘World Missions Conference’ of one of our supporting churches. However, since there is a big push to complete the ‘Omaraz’ translation by the end of the grant funding in March 2018, Brad is planning on traveling back to Tanzania for several weeks to be with the team at the final consultant check. (He will miss this October’s consultant checking though, as we travel back to the US). After the March consultant check, it will be time to get the Jesus Film dubbed into ‘Omaraz’ as well. If you have any special events or specific weekends you would like us to visit your church, please let Brad know. Otherwise, we’ll be contacting you with potential dates that work best in our travel schedules.

Study and Ministry on the Home Front



Yuda is now officially a Junior in High School. He has been making much better progress on his school work since beginning to study at home. He has pretty much been able to keep up with his schedule on a daily basis; the longest stretch he has ever had! He is making good progress in Swahili studies as well with his tutor and has received a certificate for completing the level 1 exam through the University here, AIU. In addition to school work, he and Tammie also participated in the “Alpha Course,” a community evangelistic outreach hosted by the church we attend here in Nairobi. Yuda was a participant in the course while Tammie was a small group

Yuda Swahili Certificate discussion facilitator and also provided transportation to several youth in Yuda’s group.



Alpha Course Outreach

New Family Health Challenges

Morrie’s second term was really tough, as she started the term tired. She was finally diagnosed with subclinical hypothyroidism and began a small dose of thyroid replacement just after mid-term break. This was increased at the end of the term before Morrie and Tammie traveled to the US for college campus visits and a scholarship dinner event. Morrie struggled to keep up with the work, especially in her AP classes, and Tammie had to be her executive secretary to help stay on top of her college application and scholarship requirements. Morrie was not able to finish the soccer season, missing the last two games, including the league final, which RVA girls still won for the 7th straight year. It also meant that she missed volleyball tryouts the end of 2nd term. It is nice to see her back to normal energy and enjoying school again this term, especially now that the stress of AP exams is over.



And Morrie’s College Decision is ...

In addition to attending a scholarship dinner to receive the Central TN Elk’s Most Valuable Student scholarship award, Morrie visited Milligan College, Emory University and John Brown University. She has chosen to attend John Brown University (JBU), a non-denominational Christian University in Northwest Arkansas near Tammie’s family. Several students from her high school in Kenya choose to attend JBU each year, so she will have several friends already on campus. JBU provides special financial assistance for missionary kids (MKs) and a special orientation with other international students as well. Having a specific MK category, rather than being lumped into another group, just made her feel like she “fit” somewhere for the first time.



Morrie: Central TN Elk’s Award & Keynote Speaker Rudy Kalis (Nashville Channel 4 Sports)

Sabbatical Year

JBU has a “Missionary in Residence (MIR)” position, annually choosing a field missionary couple to provide special support and activities for the MKs. We have applied to be the MIRs for the 2018-19 school year as we take a sabbatical after 25 years on the field. If chosen to fill the MIR role, we would be training and recruiting the next generation of missionaries, while allowing us to help our adult kids settle well in the US and to discover where we will be locating for the next season of our ministries. If not chosen for the position, we’ll look for another way to serve, or focus on PhD studies for the year.

Bradley “Mr Buff ” & Summer Theater Internship

Bradley has just completed his 3rd year at Milligan College. This past semester has gone much better as his Vitamin D deficiency was corrected. He was able to participate in some theater in a one-act play and in a film project. Plus, he was crowned Milligan College’s “Mr Buff” 2017 thanks to his Dancing Cane act. He was also one of two Milligan students chosen to participate in the International Story-Telling Festival and has been invited into a mentorship program to become a member of the International Storytelling Guild. Unfortunately, he is still struggling a bit with low thyroid indicators similar to Morrie’s, so we will be requesting a referral to an endocrinologist for him in the Fall.

In the meantime, this summer Bradley will be completing a theater arts internship in Chicago for eight weeks. However, it means paying for the internship rather than getting paid, so he is working on raising money for the internship. His desire is to make a positive impact for Christ in the Theater Arts/Entertainment Industry. He is with Brad’s brother and sister-in-law for a few weeks working on the internship details, and learning a few new skills like mowing a lawn with a lawnmower rather than using a machete-type long, curved knife.



Bradley Theater

Calendar Events . . .

- May 15-26 Brad attended Bible Translation Consultant training in Ruiru, Kenya
- May 21-28 Tammie presented on African business culture at SIETAR-Europa Congress in Ireland and attended a workshop on the Neuroscience of Culture. (SIETAR-Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research)
- June-July Transl. Consultation: Philippians, Colossians, 1-2 Thessalonians, 1-2 Timothy
- 13 July Morrie graduates High School! – Last long weekend holiday at the coast
- 24 July Tammie takes Morrie to the US for college
- Mid-August Morrie starts college & Bradley returns to Milligan
- Late August Tammie returns to Kenya; Brad helps lead Consultation of Luke in Tanzania.
- October Travel to the US to begin home assignment
- Early November World Missions Conference at Crossroads Christian Church, TX
- Nov-Dec Vacation & Holidays with family

PRAYER & PRAISES

- Praise for the progress in the ‘Omaraz’ translation project & Pray that Brad and the translators can complete Exegetical Checks in advance of Consultations.
- Pray for revival and growth among the ‘Omaraz’ Christians and churches (<5% Christian); Pray for openness to the Gospel so that seeds planted with the distribution of the book of Luke will find good soil in which to sprout.
- Pray for success of the Kenyan missionary couple who want to work among the ‘Omaraz.’
- Pray for the whole family’s ongoing health issues and for time to exercise and make progress in our work and studies.
- Praise for the kids’ progress in school, honing of their talents, and their hearts of service.
- Pray for less stress and more productivity in our schedules.
- Praise for such encouraging and faithful supporters and our forwarding agent, Denise!

Health Updates...

Brad consulted via Skype with a US doctor about his low cortisol issue. Tammie brought back a 4 month supply of prescribed medicines and supplements. He'll have lab work done again in a few months to see if there are any improvements. A Lumbar MRI in March showed that his two bulged discs are the same as they were in June 2016, no better, and no worse. He stopped jogging in February, which has certainly not helped with weight control, but neither has it helped with the sciatica. He's considering two types of shots in the back that might reduce swelling/pain and promote healing.

Tammie's diabetes numbers have gone up as she's gained some weight back due to lack of energy from low thyroid; they've increased her medicine dosage again. Now that thyroid balance has been achieved, she can work on the exercise to help with the diabetes. Her liver function has continued to improve as well, but the lab numbers are still pretty high.

Blessings to All,

The Harvey Family

HOW DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO HFCA For the Harvey's Ministry in East Africa

Checks should be made out to "Heart for Central Africa" and mailed in c/o our Forwarding Agent, Denise Clark, at the below College Grove, TN address.

We want it to be as easy as possible for you to continue supporting the translation and other ministry work in Tanzania and Kenya, East Africa. Though some contributions in the past were made via EFT, we have found that to be cost prohibitive with the new HFCA bank account because so few checks are processed each month. But if you have access to online banking, an **automatic payment** can be set up to be physically mailed to our Forwarding Agent each month at usually no cost to you. You may also have the capability to activate "**personal pay**" which can automatically send a payment directly to the HFCA bank account, but your bank may charge you a small fee to use this method. Please email Brad and ask for further instructions if you are interested in setting up either of these electronic payment methods.

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