

# Heart for Central Africa



## HARVEYS: IN CENTRAL EAST AFRICA

Winter 2018

### TRANSLATION PROGRESS

#### New Testament 100% Consultant Checked

In January, Brad spent three weeks in Tanzania with the Omaraz translators completing the Exegetical Check of 1-2 Peter, 1-3 John, Jude, and the first chapter of Revelation. Then they met with two other language teams in southwestern Tanzania and Consultant Checked Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, and James (482 verses). During US travels in February, Brad continued checking the Book of Revelation, verifying (L-R) **Bradley, Morrie, Tammie, Yuda & Brad Harvey** via email that all corrections had been made. He returned in March for the final Omaraz consultation. The New Testament is now 100% Consultant Checked. There are still many corrections to be made, especially in the earliest books completed, and they are working to dub the Jesus Film.



#### New Evangelism Efforts Among the Omaraz

In January, the Omaraz translation office received unexpected visitors. Two Tanzanian pastors and five Americans came looking to implement their very successful evangelistic program among the Omaraz. They train local Christians in evangelism to plant house churches / cell groups. Many seekers and new believers cannot be seen going to church until they are very strong in their faith; they must be able to withstand strong social pressure, even death threats. Our visitors had been praying for a village with churches that would be willing to receive this training. We met together for over an hour as they shared their vision; it looks like the translation village churches will host the program. The visitors felt we were an answer to their prayers as they had been going from village to village for several days without feeling they'd yet found the right place. They were also an answer to our prayers: in our July 2017 quarterly report, the translators requested prayer for "missionaries to speed up evangelism in our area." Isn't God great! Please pray for good relationships to develop and for the local churches to participate fully so that this new evangelism effort, and God's newly available Word in the Omaraz heart language, may indeed produce abundant fruit.

#### Mtwara Consultation: January

#### Mourning a Parent: Robert 'Bob' Alan Harvey, Sr.

Brad's Dad was diagnosed with Lukemia about 3 ½ years ago, but had been doing well recently. However, a sudden stroke last month took his earthly body. We're glad we got to spend some quality time together more recently. Brad returned from Tanzania in the midst of the Revelations consultation, but was able to be back for the the final consultation week. Tammie arranged for her and the kids to meet in St. Louis and drive to Terre Haute, IN, together for the final farewell. Thankfully Bradley and Morrie only missed 1 or 2 days of classes. In addition to missing a parent, we are missing a faithful supporter.



**Bob Harvey**

Obituary link: <http://obituaries.tribstar.com/obituary/robert-apos-bob-apos-harvey-sr-1936-2018-1043363106>

#### Brad's PhD Progress & Consultant Training

Brad's work on the Omaraz Grammar continued. Following the March consultation in Tanzania, Brad stopped over in Leiden to spend two weeks with his promoters (supervisors) to receive their comments and make corrections to his on going work. His Translation Consultant training has been on hold due to home assignment and the push to complete the Omaraz New Testament, but in May he will be a junior consultant via Skype in another Tanzanian language project; he will be working the 'night shift' from the US.

## Move from Kenya to the US

Close-out in Nairobi was intense, as all of our moving experiences have been. We rented half a container to store some things and were comfortable with the pace of preparations until the car broke down. Then there was a major mix-up with the container; someone else filled the one that had been allocated to us, which Brad had already cleaned and prepared. It took a couple of days to work the situation out. Fortunately, some of Tammie's friends were glad to pitch in and take care of the last few things we had to leave undone. Living in a student



**Nairobi Apartment View**  
apartment on campus helped us keep expenses down in the city of Nairobi so we were able to pay for the kids' high school and save for the down payment on a house in the US. Our kids will remain in the US now and need to have a 'home base' so they can feel settled, regardless of where their parents are living.



### Donated Vehicle

Four trees had to be removed, two had caused some foundation damage to the old 'pumphouse' (laundry/storage) and two others were threatening the main house's foundation. The yard has been a muddy mess for the last several months and it was too cold to paint, though most of the scraping has been done, so there will still be plenty of work to complete this Spring. We are comfortable inside and know we are making progress, even if the outside doesn't look like it yet. Brad was able to arrange for a portable saw mill to come and cut the tree logs into lumber. That has now been stacked in the 'Chicken House,' where they are drying.

## Getting Settled in Arkansas

Upon arrival at the Cincinnati airport, we were gifted a 2005 minivan. After a few repairs, it has been running well. We also bought an old 2000 GMC pick-up as a second vehicle. We moved into our new home in November and have worked non-stop doing repairs and improvements until a big freeze just before Christmas.



**Bradley & Yuda Stack New Lumber**

## 'Home Assignment': November 2017-June 2018

We have already reported to four churches and several individual supporters in Texas and Indiana. As soon as Brad is back from his current trip in April, we will be reporting to churches in Kansas, Tennessee and another church in Texas during the remaining three weekends of April. Then we'll have a break from traveling until June, when we'll head to Michigan.

We had applied to be Missionaries in Residence at John Brown University (JBU, where Morrie is attending) for the 2018-19 school year, but we were moving and traveling during the regular interview time in October and were never able to get an interview arranged and there was a large number of applicants, so someone else was chosen to fill that position. This will give us more time to continue working on house repairs/improvements, including landscaping now that Spring is arriving. It will also give Brad more time to focus on completing his PhD dissertation and get medical attention for back pain and continue to work on his cortisol imbalance. Tammie continues to be able to do some cross-cultural training and coaching via web conferencing, has been editing a PhD dissertation for a Nigerian friend, and is scheduled to speak at a ladies' conference in June in Michigan on the topic of women & leadership. She and Yuda are volunteering one afternoon per week in a mentoring program for disadvantaged children at a nearby ranch.



**Mentor Program**

## On the 'Kid's' Front

**Yuda** got back into his studies in January, after our transition to the States; he also transitioned to studying for the GED. He is attending free GED classes at the local Goodwill. He just took and passed his first subtest (Social Studies) - one down and three to go! His practice tests show that he is probably ready for Science and is very close to being ready in Math with English/Language Arts not too far behind. He has been the healthiest one in the family. Morrie is trying to talk him into joining her in a triathlon in June.



**At Granpa's Funeral**



**Bicycle Commute**

**Morrie** is finally moving toward normal energy after continuing to struggle first semester with hypothyroidism. She gave up her work study job and reduced her class load a little this semester while she has continued to regain her energy. She also decided to move home and commute, which more than makes up for the work study funds. She has been able to babysit a little to earn some additional funds as well. Though her energy levels have improved, she still doesn't seem to be 100% quite yet, but good enough to accomplish what is needed each week and then get extra rest on the weekends. She has interviewed to babysit an infant part-time this summer four mornings per week, and plans to volunteer with a non-profit that works with disabled children during the afternoons and/or on the weekends. And she has registered for a triathlon.

**Bradley** finally began treatment for hypothyroidism as labs finally surpassed the "normal threshold," even though he has been borderline high for over a year. He spent his Spring Break at home and does finally seem to be having more energy than he has had in quite a while. It is making a difference in his being able to keep up with assignments, so grades have risen back up this semester. Due to his health struggles, he will have one extra semester in the Fall to complete his degree at Milligan. He is getting the International Club off the ground with officers being chosen and the first big meeting. Continue praying for him as he seeks families in the area to volunteer as hosts. He has also applied to be a camp counselor for the summer programs at the Ranch where Tammie and Yuda have been volunteer mentors this semester and he has received a commission to do the art work for a card game created by one of his professors.



**Home for Break**

## Health Updates...

Brad's two bulging discs continue to cause sciatica, which seems to be worsening. A back brace/support helps him be able to stand a little longer without as much pain, but it looks like he'll need to seek further treatment for this issue. The supplements he has been taking for the Cortisol imbalance and inflammation has things moving in the right direction, but there is still a ways to go to find the right balance. Please keep praying for Brad's medical challenges. Tammie finally feels back to 100% energy on most days with her thyroid meds in balance now, though she is still trying to find a little more routine.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events . . .

- Apr Visit Three Supporting Churches
- May Home Improvements & Celebrate Anniversary
- Jun Visit Supporting Church in Michigan; Tammie Speak at Women's Conference
- Jul Begin Sabbatical: Brad work on PhD Dissertation and Consultant Training  
Tammie help Yuda finish GED & Continue Mentor Program
- Aug/Sept Brad travel to Tanzania for Jesus Film dubbing into Omaraz with return Stop in Leiden, Netherlands to meet with PhD Supervisors.

## **PRAYER & PRAISES**

- Praise for the progress in the ‘Omaraz’ translation project; Pray for the final test corrections and preparations for publishing and dubbing the Jesus Film.
- Pray for revival and growth among the ‘Omaraz’ Christians and churches (<5% Christian); Pray for good relationships and opportunities with those bringing evangelistic training.
- Continue praying for our ongoing health issues, time to exercise, and progress in work and studies.
- Praise for the kids’ progress in school, honing of their talents, and their hearts of service.
- Pray for good progress on house projects and for quality craftsmen with which to work when needed.

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.

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 an electronic payment.

#### **Note: New Personal US Address:**

Brad and Tammie Harvey  
1144 W Jefferson St  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
(Began 10/29/17)

[BradSHarvey64@gmail.com](mailto:BradSHarvey64@gmail.com) or  
[bharvey@heartforcentralafrica.org](mailto:bharvey@heartforcentralafrica.org)  
(479) 599-9105

[TMKHarvey@hotmail.com](mailto:TMKHarvey@hotmail.com) or  
[tharvey@heartforcentralafrica.org](mailto:tharvey@heartforcentralafrica.org)  
(615) 364-8853

#### **US Mission Address/Forwarding Agent:**

Brad & Tammie Harvey  
c/o Denise Clark  
6848 Falls Ridge Lane  
College Grove, TN 37046  
(615) 504-8043