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## MISSION CONFERENCES

September through November has been a great season of mission conferences in many good churches. Here are couple of highlights.

I had the privilege to be the keynote speaker in the Mission Conference at the **Campus Church at Pensacola Christian College**. It was a wonderful week! On Tuesday evening, over 50 students attended a special meeting of the Bible Translation Club. We thank the Lord for this interest and excitement and we believe God is doing something special. The college administration is talking about the possibility of a degree program for training Bible translators. We pray this will continue to develop.

From Florida, we returned to our home church at **Faith Baptist of Avon, IN** and led our mission conference. The focus was entirely on Bible Translation. I spoke on the need and process. Our staff member Tim Cleghorn spoke of the practical side of reaching unreached language groups from the missionary's perspective. God blessed!

## RUNYANKORE UPDATE

**WE ARE THRILLED** to announce that all checking processes have been completed and the final text for the **Runyankore New Testament** for the people of southern Uganda is ready for formatting. We are going to print very soon!! (*see sample text on page 2*)

Many have sacrificially given toward this project. The process has taken much longer than we expected, but the delay has been due, in large part, to the thorough and careful nature of our checking processes. We take translation work very seriously and would rather take a little longer to get it right.

Dan Olachea and our translators have worked hard on this project for approximately eight years. I am so thankful to them for their dedication, diligence and labor of love. What a joy it is going to be to present the people of Uganda with this translation of God's Word!!

## PRAISE REPORT

Biswa is a graduate (March 2017) of WorldView Institute of India and is serving as an intern in our Tibetan project. His burden is to reach and translate the Scripture for a people group in Bhutan which has no gospel witness and no Scripture. Bhutan is a very difficult country to enter. We have prayed much for God to open doors of access. Research showed that there is a possibility of getting in as a skilled worker such as a teacher.

Biswa recently walked into a school in Nepal and asked if they needed any help with teaching. They hired him. In the course of conversation with school officials he shared with them his burden for Bhutan. They informed him that they had just opened a branch location in Bhutan. They are now working with him to get him certified so they can transfer him to their new location. PRAISE THE LORD for the clear evidence that He is working to help us reach this unreached group with the Scripture.

## FAMILY UPDATE

In October, we flew to a meeting in Minnesota. The pastor kindly loaned us his car (Honda Accord) to use while there. Emily is used to our GMC Yukon which sits up high. So while riding around in the Honda Accord, Emily remarked, "This is a nice car, but I like our truck. I like looking down on people."

A couple of years ago, a missionary friend, Mike Patterson, shared how he offered a \$100 bill for each time his grandchildren read through their Bibles. He inspired us to offer the same to Emily. She is almost finished with her first time through the entire Bible. We are praying that she will learn that the Words of God are more to be desired than gold. (Psalm 19:7-11).

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## Yohaana Eshuura 3

<sup>1</sup> Kandi hakaba hariho omushajja ow'omu Bafarisaayo, orikwetwa Nikodemu, omutegeyeki wa Bayudaaya: <sup>2</sup> Ogwo akaija ahari Yesu nyekiro, kandi yaamugira ati, Rabi, nitumanya ngu oizire ori omwegyesa kuruga ahari Ruhanga: ahakuba tihariho n'omwe orikubaasa kukora obumanyiso obu, obu orikukora, kureka Ruhanga yaaba ari hamwe nawe. <sup>3</sup> Yesu akagarukamu kandi yaamugira ati, Buzimazima ninkugambira nti, Omuntu ku araabe atazairwe omurundi ogundi, tabaasa kureeba bukama bwa Ruhanga. <sup>4</sup> Nikodemu yaamugira ati, Omuntu naabaasa ata kuzaarwa ari mukuru? Naabaasa kugaruka omu nda ya nyina omurundi gwa kabiri kandi azaarwe? <sup>5</sup> Yesu akagarukamu ati, Buzimazima ninkugambira nti, Omuntu ku araabe atazairwe maizi na Mwoyo, tabaasa kutaaha mu bukama bwa Ruhanga. <sup>6</sup> Ekizaarwa omubiri kiba omubiri: n'ekizaarwa Omwoyo kiba omwoyo. <sup>7</sup> Otatangaara ngu naakugambira nti, Nimuteekwa kuzaarwa omurundi ogundi. <sup>8</sup> Omuyaga guhuuha nigugarura ei gurikwenda, kandi ohurira okuhuha kwagwo, kwonka tomanya ahu gurikuruga n'ahu gurikuzi: nikwo ozairwe Omwoyo weena ari. <sup>9</sup> Nikodemu akagarukamu kandi yaamugira ati, Ebintu ebi nibibaasa kubaho bita? <sup>10</sup> Yesu akagarukamu kandi yaamugira ati, Ori omwegyesa wa Israeli, kandi torikumanya bintu ebi? <sup>11</sup> Buzimazima ninkugambira nti, Nitugamba eki turikumanya, kandi nitujurira eki twareebire: kwonka imwe timwakiira obujurizi bwaitu. <sup>12</sup> Ku ndaabe naabagambiire ebintu by'ensi, kandi mutabiikirize, muryaikiriza muta ku ndibagambira eby'omu iguru? <sup>13</sup> Kandi tihariho oratembire omu iguru, kureka ogwo owaashumire kuruga omu iguru, Omwana w'omuntu ori omu iguru. <sup>14</sup> Kandi nk'oku Musa yaahanikire enjoka omu ihamba, nikwo n'Omwana w'omuntu arikuteekwa kuhanikwa: <sup>15</sup> Ngu omuntu weena orikumwikiriza arekye kuhwerekyerera, kureka atungye amagara agatahwaho.

<sup>16</sup> Ahakuba oku nikwo Ruhanga yaakunzire ensi, okuhayo Omutabani omwe nyamunegyere owaazairwe *Ruhanga*, ngu *omuntu* weena orikumwikiriza arekye kuhwerekyerera, kureka atungye amagara agatahwaho. <sup>17</sup> Ahakuba Ruhanga taratumire Mutabani omu nsi ngu acwere ensi orubanja, kureka ngu ensi ejunwe ahabwe. <sup>18</sup> Orikumwikiriza tacwerwa rubanja: kwonka