



Making God's Word accessible in a language that speaks to their hearts

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Dear Family and Friends,

December 7, 2022

Advent got a slow start in our household this year. Tom and I both tested positive for COVID the week of Thanksgiving. We had mild cases – mostly coughing, fatigue, and general malaise. We are finally feeling better, even though I tested positive again yesterday. We thank God for family who provided meals or called or sent text messages to encourage us, and for online church and Christmas concerts that lifted our spirits. Please pray for complete healing!

As we are able, Tom and I have continued sending our comments on the Gospel of John to the Lala and Waja teams, in anticipation of the consultant check in April-May. We praise God that both projects were approved for their next three-year phase.

The heavy rains in West Africa have finally stopped, and now the harvest season is almost over. The food that they grow is mostly what they have to eat, so gathering the harvest is a priority. In Isaiah 55:10-11, God says, “The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. It is the same with my word. I send it out and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to. And it will prosper everywhere I send it.”

We thank God for the indescribable gift of his Son, Jesus, the Word made flesh. He came in human form to live among us, to save us from our sins, and he will come again in glory. And we thank you for your partnership with us, so that God’s Word in the languages of the Anufo, Waja, Lala, Fali South, and Sukur people would go out and bear fruit among them.

Prayer Points

- **Praise God** that the Waja and Lala teams were approved for the next phase of their translations.
- **Praise God** that the heavy rains have stopped.
- **Praise God** for his indescribable gift of Jesus.
- **Pray** for full recovery for Tom and Mary from the effects of COVID.
- **Pray** for good harvests for all the teams.
- **Pray** that God’s Word would bear much fruit in the languages in which we’ve worked.

May Jesus, the Living Word, make his home in your heart this Advent
and Christmas season and always.

Love,

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