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Joel's Africa Update: Madagascar



Back from Namibia!

Dear brothers and sisters,

I just got back from Namibia, where we recorded several books of the Herero language audiobible: Luke, Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, James, Philemon, Exodus, Leviticus, Habakkuk, Jonah, Joel, and Zephaniah.

The work was new and exciting to both our speakers. One had never read the Old Testament, and the other had only read an English Bible, never his own native Herero! They would comment "ohhh," "mmm," and have side conversations every so often as they read God's word together.

Madagascar language
workshop →



Windhoek, the largest (only?) city in Namibia



Madagascar Update

Remember I told you 9 out of 22 languages in Madagascar have active Bible translation projects? Well, 13 out of 22 don't—they are bibleless. Just this week, Together in Bible Translation (the field organization I'm joining as part of Wycliffe) is hosting a "Discover your language" workshop in the northwest. The language is Sakalava Analalava and it is one of the 13 orphan languages. 28 people came and practiced translating and telling stories in their own language. The workshop is a way to determine who is proficient. 3-4 participants will be chosen as translators for a brand new Bible translation project. This is the birth of a Bible, its conception!



Recording & speaking is a high-focus job, making sure every word is correct, understandable and has the right emotion

Gia and I marry August 16! As you read this, I may already be in Texas. What a blessing to marry my favorite person! Her family is pretty fun too, so I'm looking forward to spending time with them.

In my spare time, I'll edit these recordings. But I'm also relocating to Texas, getting married, and continuing partnership development there. I'll be looking to build relationships with churches in the Corpus Christi area, and share about what God is doing in Bible translation in Africa. If any of you have connections with churches there, let me know! After Gia and I are receiving 100% of the monthly partnerships we need, off we go to Madagascar! - Joel



PRAYER & PRAISE

- 🙏 Praise that we were so productive in Namibia!
- 🙏 Pray that the final audio version of these Herero bible books will end up in the hands of many people and bless them with truth, freedom and faith in Christ.
- 🙏 The wedding is finally here!!

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