Dear Prayer Partners,

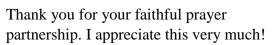
Warm greetings! My apologies that I have not written for a while.

Thank you for praying with me as I work on updating the training manual for those who are translating Scripture into their own languages, in Africa and elsewhere. I have mentioned this project several times over the past year. I am truly thankful to be able to report that the full text is now in place. However, there is still much to do on final editing and especially on formatting for publication - I am getting some good help from a colleague on this. I am also polishing "ancillary" materials (mostly power-points) which will be accessed by users of the manual. Please continue to pray that I can finish this task well, in a form that will be as helpful as possible to those who will be using it.

My passport had to be sent to Nigeria for renewal of a visa, in preparation for another visit to Nigeria, planned for November. It was much delayed in transit, but has now arrived safely and the visa is being processed. I am trusting I will receive the passport back in time for my next scheduled travel. I am due to travel to Dallas on October 12, for a conference, which will be a good time of interaction with people working on Bible translation around the world.

An update on John Afro who I mentioned in my last message: John is the leading translator for the Mbembe-Adun Old Testament translation. He was badly injured in a motor accident

earlier the year and is still needing further treatment on his damaged leg, which was already shortened because of polio as a child. John is doing well in guiding the team of less experienced translators as they work on the Mbembe-Adun Old Testament, but is much handicapped physically. Please continue to pray for healing. Pray too for Ernest Ebak, who is leading the team working on the Mbembe-Okohm translation – pictured right with his family.



Love and blessings,





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