

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man [or woman] of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)



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The Book Worth Everything To Find

“This is the 50th year that I have been attending church, [I] never read any Bible verse in my language. I am like the old man Simeon, in the Bible, to whom the Holy Spirit promised he would not die without seeing the Messiah. God has given me a time of grace in this world so that I can hear the Word of God in my own language, the language which I understand. People used to say that no one would manage to write the Bible in Bwisi because it is an unwritable language ... but here it is!”
—*Mulinda Peter, Busunga, Uganda*—
(Taken from the latest edition of Rev7. Find it free at: www.JAARS.org.)

Koronadal Blaan News

The above quote is so expressive of the joy that comes to a people when they receive the Word of God in their own language. The Blaans expressed the same in 1996 when they received the New Testament. Now they are taking on themselves the translation of the Old Testament. A committee of Blaans will soon receive training to begin work on the translation of the OT. Progress has been slow, but we are praying that things will begin to come together. We

are amazed how God has led a team of people together. Among those who have expressed a desire to be part of the work is a Blaan Bible college professor who teaches Greek and Hebrew! Several pastors and pastors' wives are interested. We are praying, and asking you to pray with us, for the needed equipment and funds for stipends for the translators when the work gets started. We cannot ask people to work without remuneration and without the necessary tools. We will need God's wisdom and provision to get this underway.

On the 31st of July Faith Comes by Hearing will be providing more Proclaimers (Audio New Testament players) to another 30 Blaan communities. As you may recall, we were there last summer (2011) when the first set of players were distributed to 22 communities. These portable players are dedicated to Scripture and cannot play music or other media. Since they are powered by batteries, solar panel or hand-crank generator, they can be used in very remote communities. The exciting thing about using the Proclaimers is

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Praise 'n Prayer

- Praise for God's abiding love for lost sinners.
- Pray for Lydia, Cuma's wife of 35+ years. She was recently hospitalized. We are thankful that she is on the mend. After being discharged, she and Cuma spent a little while up in the hills near Blagan (where Sally's work first began in the late 70s) at their daughter's home to recover in the fresh air and quiet. Their home near the city is dusty and noisy.
- Leon's brother, Keith, is very sick with a degenerative lung disease. Please be in prayer for him and his family.
- Advance planning for our next trip to the Philippines in the summer of 2013.

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that they open Scripture to people who do not read or whose reading ability is limited. Praise God with us for this wonderful technology gift.

What we've been up to...

Besides working with the satellite communication team for mother-tongue translators, Leon and his supervisor, Bill, are members of the Union County Amateur Radio Society. They focus on emergency communications and ways to help in the event of a local disaster that could cause loss of power and communication—cell or land-line. In late June the group participated in Field Day—a *one day camp-out with radio equipment* that keeps amateur radio operators trained and ready. It went for 24 hours, continuous. The local group set up their station and portable antennas near an elementary school. Powered from small generators, solar panels, and batteries, they made contacts with many other stations across the US.

Sally finished the school year with her 5th grade class in early June. It was a good year. After the students finish, the teachers always spend a week and a half wrapping things up and making plans for the coming year. Sally looks forward to her fifth year at Metrolina Christian Academy starting in August.

In June, we made a short trip to California for graduations for two of our grandchildren. The trip was not long enough, but we had other obligations awaiting us so could not stay longer. Hal and Angela's daughter and son graduated (from 8th and 5th grades), and we also had opportunity to see them participate in ballroom dance competition. We were thrilled to finally see them compete. They are good! We had time, though all too little, with three of the four children and seven of the 10 grandchildren.

The day after we returned from California we washed our clothes and repacked our suitcases, packed the car,

and left for a quick trip to New England. We spoke at the church where Sally grew up and where we were married. Also we had opportunity to see all three of Sally's siblings. One of Sally's nephews is getting married in August, and the timing worked out for Sally to attend a bridal shower that weekend.

After our New England trip, we took a long planned trip to celebrate our 15th wedding anniversary. We went to North Carolina's Outer Banks for a five-day camping trip. Both of us had camped years ago, but we hadn't camped together. We had a ball! We relaxed, walked on the beach, climbed the famed Hatteras Lighthouse, played games by lantern-light, read, cooked a pork chop dinner for our anniversary, and visited the Wright Brothers Memorial at Kitty Hawk. The ferry rides were almost as much fun as camping.



One more trip! Leon flew back to California to visit his brother Keith who is in very poor health. It was a very special visit, a time for them to share old memories as brothers and for Keith to affirm his faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Dear family and partners,

Martin Luther wrote, "The Bible is alive; it speaks to me. It has feet; it runs after me. It has hands; it lays hold of me!" The Bible changes lives and that is why Sally and I turned aside from other things to spend our lives helping others find this BOOK. Thank you for standing with us.

By His Grace,

Leon Sally

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