

Boese Prayer Bulletin

New developments!



Dear companions on the Road,

September 9, 2026

If you've been walking with us for a while you will not be surprised when we share surprising news! This time it is about Glenn. A few months ago he began dealing with extreme hip pain and some knee pain in his left leg. Physical therapy did not help; neither did a cortisone shot in the hip joint. Today he saw a hip surgeon who confirmed that the issue is severe osteoarthritis. Hip replacement surgery is now scheduled for September 17th! Recovery should probably take a couple of months. This means that by January he should be able to manage normal activity. That would make it possible for us to travel back to Ferke together, each of us with goals that could be accomplished much more easily face-to-face than long-distance.

For me, Linnea, it would be focused on beginning the verification of Jeremiah with the SIL consultant we have worked with in the past, Matthieu Ouattara. He says he will be available in February. Jeremiah, the longest book in the Bible, will be verified in two or three different sessions, other times, but getting it going with me at the table (avoiding

For Glenn a major project is to work with the manager of the widows' co-op chicken farm, Saly, to train an assistant to help her now and to be ready to become the next manager when that becomes necessary. Saly continues to wrestle with physical issues and is not always available to keep accounting up-to-date. Whether or not we can go there this next year, that preparation of a replacement will be necessary, and very hard to do long-distance.

In addition to all this, our daughter Ariane would love to come to Ferke for a couple of weeks at that time! Her son Xavi, in 9th grade there in Norway where they live, will have two weeks off in February to explore a future profession he has in mind--an opportunity given to all students in his grade. He would like to be a doctor, and Ariane has suggested that he could follow a doctor at the Baptist Hospital in Ferke (that my parents and their cohort established, where Glenn worked). She has experience in doing trauma-healing workshops for women (twice in Zanzibar already), and we would look into arranging a teaching opportunity for her with women there. Wouldn't that be fantastic? Women deal with so much trauma, and need that encouragement.

So it looks like the Lord is opening up a window for all of this to take place! Of course what remains is whether or not Glenn and I will have enough funds in our ministries account to make the trip. We have to take into account the price of paying the consultant to come check Jeremiah (last year it cost \$6,000 for his travel, housing and salary), as well as long-term funding for the translation team. We do not yet have that confirmed. It is a huge matter for prayer! There are many faithful individuals sending support, plus we received one truly huge donation this year. It looks like enough to cover another year at least of work. We want to be able to continue translation and also literacy teaching and literature production, which includes five men there on the ground who need salaries to meet their needs.

This sounds like a lot. But the Lord has told us to bring our requests to him and trust him to work out his purposes. When we look back at all that he has done to reach the least-reached Nyarafolo people with the Good News, and his Word (New Testament, Pentateuch and Psalms already printed), we are filled with hope. He is not finished yet! Thank you for your perseverance with us as we keep on pressing forward, and for your prayers for harvest among the Nyarafolo. And PRAISE the Lord with us for the outreach going on--see more info below!

Working with you to bring the Word to the Nyarafolo,

Glenn and Linnea Boese



Moïse (the translator I work with) has been teaching new believers in a remote western village each Sunday afternoon. He decided to introduce them to the Ten commandments, in Exodus 20. They are shocked! The Nyarafolo culture recognizes three sins: stealing, adultery, and murder. When he read "You shall have no other gods besides me" they asked: "How can that be a 'sin'?" Yet this is truth they must know, even if the local and political culture is telling them that is just imported religion. Moïse asks for prayer that believers would not succumb to all the pressures to hang onto tradition, but to stay faithful to the one true God. They do believe in the Creator God, the Most High. They just do not know his requirements!



Moïse is currently testing our translation of Ezekiel 1-14. Pray for good listeners to be available, even in this rainy season. He says that his testing of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Lamentations have led to more people resisting listening to the text---it speaks too directly to their own practices of idol worship and false gods (Ezekiel 11:12-18). They are shocked that so many traditions are actually evil in God's eyes, that he would even forbid such practices as amulets and charms (Ezekiel 13.18-20). Below, see a bowl used for sacrifices to a "god."



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