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Dear Brothers and Sisters at Harvest Baptist,

As I write this Bella is in the next room doing a final read through of some of the Bible books we are been working on recently. Bella does most of the finish work on our translation. This is a step that the folks here suggested. After our translated portions are ready for checking, three of the folks from here meet with Bella and read through it all. They correct anything that just isn't good Sekadau. Today they are reading through 1-2 Timothy, 2 Thessalonians and Philippians. This is one of the last translation related jobs Bella will be doing before we leave for home assignment.

We are wrapping things up in preparation to going to the States for a little while. The last few weeks are always very hectic. Along with what we normally do, we are trying to get materials ready for the church to use while we are gone. I am making lessons from 1 Corinthians and Bella is making up Sunday school lessons. Bella will likely be able to leave them with enough lessons to last the entire time we are gone. There is no way I will be able to do the same for the lessons I am making. I will just do the best that I can.

During this current term (2015-2018) we have been able to translate about 55% of the New Testament. A good portion of that has not been checked by a translation checker. We had hoped to have a check this Spring, but our schedule just didn't line up with the translation checker's. A few months after we return from home assignment, we hope to have a check. It is our hope that when we return for our next term we can finish the New Testament. We still have a number of Old Testament books we also want to translate though. All in all we are hoping we can do it in about 5 years. At our age, we don't know how much time we will have left to work interior.

The first part of our home assignment we will be in Texas with our children. Our son is planning on buying a car and letting us use it when we are home. So, we will need to go car shopping as soon as we get home. We are also hoping to go to our mission's training facility once we get the car. It is about a 12 hour drive from where our kids live in Texas. Cori is there, and it will be nice to see her. But the main reason for going there is to meet with a man who can advise us about how to proceed with the water project here in Parobut. We hope to be all ready to do the project once we come back here early in 2019.

We are looking forward to going "home" for a while. We especially look forward to seeing our children and grandchildren. Our daughter, Mandy, is expecting again. If everything goes as expected, we should be meeting grandchild #8 sometime in September. We are also looking forward to seeing friends again. We plan to be in San Diego by the beginning of June. I am REALLY looking forward to singing in English again, and hearing someone teach besides myself.

Thanks so much for your prayers for us. Please pray that we will finish well here. It is sometimes hard to focus when we are looking forward to leaving. Please pray for the believers here that they will continue to walk with God during the time we are gone. Thanks so much for the \$100 that you sent to us in January and February. Thank you too for the extra \$200 that you sent for Christmas.

The pictures are; 1. Bella helping to make treats out of rice flour. 2. Bella doing one of the read throughs of the translated scriptures. 3. How our goods are brought to our house.

In Christ,

Paul and Bella





