



PRAISE — 49th wedding anniversary next month! (We met when she nearly ran over me – then atheistic - in a church parking lot.)

PRAISE — my (Tom) injured knee had a major setback and I could not take any walks for a week. However, after prayer by our Sunday school class, I was able to take a 10-minute (slow) walk after church!

PRAISE — for this 'prayer feedback' for you: a former missionary graduate still on the field in India after over 30 years wrote us last month, **"I still remember and put into practice what Tom taught me in England." Your prayers are still bearing fruit!**

PRAY — Keep praying for Bob Carter, veteran Wycliffe Bible translator and long-time JAARS colleague. His broken hip sockets are improving. I hope the card I got him last week will help: **"20 fun things to do while recovering."** He liked the 'practice quick-draw with the TV remote'.

PRAY — Several here have been killed by trees falling on homes during recent storms. Removing our dead/dying trees and brush may cost \$300 - \$500.

PRAY — Zero income last month for son Tom,

Dear partners in Bible translation,

Pray for 10 of these TIU participants (right) who said they would **"seriously consider God's will concerning Bible translation."** They just completed the June **TIU** ('Total It Up') here at JAARS and are shown with their veteran Bible translator instructors.



'Total' stands for **Taste of Translation and Linguistics**. It's an exciting week of condensed Bible translator training. Among comments by the students were: **"It exceeded my expectations!"**

If you or someone you know is wondering whether or not the Lord may want them to serve as a Bible translator, contact tim_hale@wycliffe.org. The next TIU this year is July 24-29.



This is one of my delightful 'outdoor offices' at the JAARS Center where I continue 13+ years helping speed Bible translation. (As you recall, I had to withdraw from full-time service at JAARS in 2009 because of my heart arrhythmia so I no longer have an office. However, I've continued on a research project for Speech Analyzer at my own pace. No deadlines = no serious arrhythmia!) I'm still using my walker and cane (on my left) these three

months after my accident. I also wear my old JAARS hat since the motto is always an inspiration: **"We're on a Mission"** — to provide Bible translators with the best computer tools to help continually speed Bible translation. (You our partners are a big part of that **"We're ... !"**)

THAT 'FUNNY THING on my HAND' = a Romans 8:28

The mitten on my sore, achy hand (above) indicates my "Catch 22" dilemma. I can't put much weight on the walker/cane because of longer hours on my computer project which made my hand achy and vice versa! PRAY!

The mitten was used to initiate a witnessing dialog at the doctor's office yesterday by saying, **"I know you want to ask what this funny thing is on my hand so I'll tell you now —"** Rom. 8:28!

Jr. More loan clients
urgently needed.

A PHYSICIST'S ANSWER for 'The VICIOUS Ms. X.'

Remember this witnessing article of last month about the lady
who exploded at me just hearing the name of God?

Here's how a real Christian handled tragedy according to Psalm 9 (paraphrased)
"They who do KNOW their God will call upon Him in time of suffering."

Years before the tragedy, like many of us, our friend Ted's faith wavered for a time
in college but true evidence of God overwhelmed all his questions. **"No contest!"** in
Ted's own words.

After college Ted, a Ph.D. physicist, did important research for the Navy. Later
tragedy struck. He lost his daughter to a rare disease. With faith in God's unfailing
love and His ultimate long-range plans for our lives (**Rom.8:28**), Ted re-evaluated his
life's priorities from 2 Peter 3: the present world will end and we're exhorted: **"How
then should we live?"** Job satisfaction paled in comparison to a goal in missions
which Ted said **"would be ever so much more significant: helping hasten Christ's
return!" (Matt. 24:14).**

Joining Wycliffe, he was asked to head up research discovering which people
groups (many remote and uncivilized) needed Bible translation. He's served in this
capacity for several decades. Ted said, **"I've felt fulfilled and blessed in the years
since. I'm only sorry it took something as drastic as my daughter's death to get
my attention."** P.S. *I've ordered a booklet from joniandfriends.org called **Angry at
God**. I plan to share it with Ms. Vicious X when I see her again at a local store where
she's a greeter. She only suffered the temporary loss of her house and animals, not
permanent quadriplegia like Joni Eareckson Tada, or the loss of a child as Ted did.*

DO YOU WANT TO BE PAID IN DOLLARS or WATERMELON?

I asked this question when bringing out watermelon treats to the hot sweaty crew
replacing our roof. (*One young man actually preferred to be paid in watermelon!*)
The humor broke the ice to begin a good solid witness. Two young men really perked
up their ears when I shared how the Lord gave me my wife of nearly 49 years, some
exploits in the Marines, and a career as a successful radar field engineer with a Navy
fighter squadron. Pray this witness may bear much fruit in the years to come!

Though I spend many more hours on my Bible translation research project than on
personal witnessing, yet I esteem the latter to be much more important. Many peo-
ple in the everyday world may otherwise never hear God's message. After all,
confronting sinners with the gospel is our ultimate goal. *When witnessing, we
feel that you — our prayer and financial partners — are right there beside us in spirit
and we know we can count on you.* We pray that you may also feel the same bless-
ing and excitement we feel as we witness and that you may be encouraged to do
some witnessing yourself!

*Joyfully Serving,
Tom & Irene Hodges*



Don't tell God how big your sufferings are. Tell them how big God is!

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