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“Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.” (Matthew 13:22-23)

The seeds of the Gospel are sown through the preaching of the Word, through the reading God’s Word, and through conversations between a believer and an unbeliever. In these verses, Jesus explains the parable of the sower. He reminds us that many will hear the Gospel and even respond to it for a time, but not everyone will receive it. Praise God for those who hear the Word and then allow it to change them for eternity!

Ministry Update

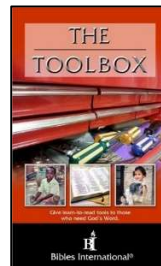
In the fall each year Bibles International hosts the annual Harvest Dinner. This year, the dinner was held on October 10, and the theme was *Investing in National Consultants*. There was music by the Ben Everson Trio, and we heard from Dr. Angam, who is himself a Bible translation consultant. A highlight of the event was hearing John 3:16 in 19 different languages. Ruth and I had the privilege to participate as we shared in Romani (Gypsy) and Romanian, respectively.



The goal for the night was to raise \$200,000 for the new *Equip for Excellence* fund, which is intended to help meet the needs of national consultants who are directly involved in Bible translation around the globe. It will provide funding for computer equipment; software; training in biblical languages, linguistics, and translation principles; and provision for their families. We are thrilled to report that the Lord has met this goal!

New Children’s Material from BI

Ruth has spent several months preparing the 2025 BI Children’s Missions Program material, entitled *The Toolbox*, which features five lessons that teach children how people around the world are using their God-given “tools” to share His Word. It also invites them to give towards the printing of Bibles and



special reading “tools” for the Mbum-Nzakambay in Africa. This package of five scripted lessons, PowerPoint visuals, and teacher’s guide is perfect for VBS, Children’s Church, and many other children’s meetings. *The Toolbox* is FREE and can be downloaded from the BI website. Please contact Ruth at rkimmel@biblesint.org if you would like to learn more about *The Toolbox* or to discuss how you can use it in your children’s ministry.

Family News

In December, Celeste traveled to Orlando for the Manchester Terrier National Specialty show. Her dog, Rupert, won an Award of Merit out of 50 Toy Manchesters. He just needs a few more points to receive his grand champion designation. Over the Christmas break, Ben continued work on a research project he was part of last summer. He resumed his studies at the University of Wisconsin Veterinary School on January 13.

Amber completed a wonderful semester abroad in Japan at Kansai Gaidai University. She resumes classes at Miami University on January 27. She has a full load with six classes, two in-person and four online.

We greatly enjoyed having them with us over Christmas. It was a special time together celebrating our first Christmas in Grand Rapids.



Praises

- God’s provision of \$200,000 for the new Bibles International *Equip for Excellence* fund
- Help from new friends to finish out an office space and craft room in our basement for Ruth
- Special time with family over the Christmas season

Prayer Requests

- For our support as we need raise an additional \$500/mo.
- For churches to use *The Toolbox* children’s program
- Housing for Ruth’s brother and his ongoing medical needs

May the Lord bless you as you serve Him in this new year!

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