

Matzke Family Update

April 2010



Emily and Sarah are nearing the end of the school year in grades 11 & 7. Emily is looking for a summer job and Sarah is looking forward to more time to read, do crafts and work in her garden!



Spring has sprung in Texas and we are enjoying the warm weather and beautiful flowers. Along with the new season are new opportunities for ministry.

Over the last couple of months, Tim has been helping to teach a literacy course for those training to work overseas in Bible translation and literacy. It brings Tim great joy to use his experiences and love of teaching to help equip people heading to serve in other countries.

While we were serving in the Solomon Islands, Tim had the opportunity to help the Ministry of Education begin to develop a language policy for the government. He often wished he had more resources and background in this critical area. Recently, the International Literacy Coordinator of SIL, the linguistic arm of our organization, has asked Tim to organize and publish on the internet many of the papers she and others have written on this very topic. As Tim works on this project, not only will it better equip him for future service, it will provide a valuable resource to colleagues around the world!

During the last couple of years, Martha has enjoyed telling the story of Bible translation and literacy and networking to share the stories. Recently we met with the Director of the Pacific Area who asked Martha to do this type of work for the entire Pacific:

"I'm looking for a team leader to be our Area Communications Coordinator. This position is high on my priority list and high on my prayer list. So I would invite you, Martha, to pray with me and ask the Lord what part He might want you to have. I would love to have you as our communications coordinator if the Lord opens those doors for you."

This is a position that we feel is well suited to Martha's giftings and recent experiences.

Since returning to the USA, we have been asked several times if we will now find a 'real' job. When you think about it, what is more 'real' than being a part of giving people God's Word - something the Bible tells us will last forever! We are grateful to be doing jobs we that make such a difference, and so thankful to you who stand with us!

Blessings,

Tim & Martha Matzke

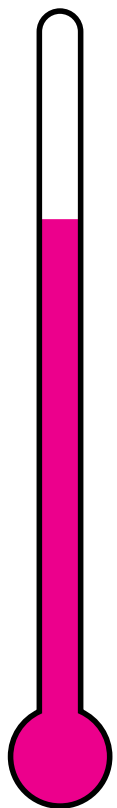


Jehovah Jirah

We thank God for his provision for us. He is faithful! When orders were being taken at school for class rings, Emily wanted one. But we just didn't have the extra funds to help her purchase one. The ring company sponsored a contest for a free ring - up to \$450, for the student who brought in the oldest class ring. Martha's aunt and uncle sent down her grandmother's 1918 class ring and Emily won the contest! What a wonderful gift for Emily and a reminder of God's generous gifts to us!

Each month when we receive our financial statements, we are reminded of God's faithfulness to our family through His people. Thank you to all of you who are a part of our team through your prayers and finances. YOU are a GIFT to us!

Monthly Shortfall:
\$1800.00



Current
Financial Status

Where we stand:

As members of Wycliffe, we depend on the generosity of God's people to meet our financial needs. We are indeed thankful to those who continue to be a part of our ministry! Over the last few years we have experienced a decline in our income even as our needs have increased, especially due to living in the USA.

In order for us to take up our new assignments, we need to have pledges to meet 100% of the amount Wycliffe has determined we need to meet our living expenses. Currently we are receiving approximately 73% of that figure.

Can you help us? We are looking for opportunities to share about our ministry in small groups, Sunday Schools, churches, etc. If you are interested in helping us set something up, please contact us.

If you would like to give toward our ministry in a one time gift or on through regular giving, tax-deductible gifts can be given through Wycliffe Bible Translators and designated for Tim & Martha Matzke.



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from Jim in Albuquerque:

Helping support Tim and Martha provides a link for our family—a link to people in other countries and cultures who are eager to learn about Christ in their own languages. Being linked to these people has enriched our lives. In the U. S. we take so much for granted, including more versions of the Bible in our own language than we can even name. But in the Solomons, a new translation is viewed as a treasure and cause for great celebration! This enthusiasm is contagious—just being a small part of this process has helped us better appreciate and use several new Bible resources in our own lives.