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Project Update

I want to thank the Lord for His guidance and His wisdom for our team during the summer as we continued to work on our project. We had noticed that some of us were experiencing health issues, such as fatigue, headaches, cough, and some weakness. Some of us were concerned about it being COVID, so we took some tests which came back negative. Finally, one of our team members went to the doctor and a test was positive for mold/fungus. So, it was mold making the team sick.

How did we become exposed to the mold? It all started at the end of May. We arrived at our office to discover a puddle of water in the kitchen area at Deaf Harbor. The maintenance man came to check it out, but couldn't find what was wrong. A few days later, the water came back! The man came back, tried to clean it up but still couldn't figure out where it was originating.

Some of our team members were able to figure it out. A pipe from the air conditioning unit had been disconnected and it was causing the leak. **The building fixed it and it stopped leaking. However, the leak had spread water from the utility room to the kitchen, bathroom and studio.** The insurance process initiated by the landlord took forever, so the mold started to develop.

During August, we started to notice that our performance in the studio was declining, and we were experiencing some symptoms such as headaches, scratchy throats and more. It wasn't only affecting our team, but others at Deaf Harbor as well. The executive director of Deaf Harbor decided to have us start working remotely, but we needed a place to continue filming. **So, he opened his home to us, and we are using his basement garage as an improvised video studio.** His garage is the same place which the original Chronological Bible Translation team used to film their work back in the 2010s!

We are so grateful to the Lord for allowing us to continue our project at our director's place, and for our director and his wife's willing hearts for opening their home for us to use their garage space.

Family Update

My wife and I have been empty nesters since July!

Our son, David-James, is enrolled at the Rochester Institute of Technology/ National Technical Institute for the Deaf. He is loving his classes, with plans to major in Software Development. He only had a two-week break between his graduation day and the summer program which started on July 10th. The summer program was for five weeks, then the new student orientation was a week before the fall semester started in August. We were hoping to be able to see David-James before his classes started this fall, but the program kept him busy and his schedule full. He said that he was so busy that he hasn't been homesick. He joked that he only missed his dog, and he claimed that he was "dog-sick", rather than homesick. I guess it's a good thing!



Our daughter, Natasha, is in her third year at University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, and is still involved with marching band. She just got a graphic design internship with Jazz, Inc. She is designing logos, art, and more for a jazz festival and other musical events. **It is a dream internship for Natasha as it involves her love for both art and music!** She will be going on a three-week cruise with her marching band in January, and is looking forward to celebrating her birthday on this trip!

PRAISE & PRAYER

PRAISE:

- the Lord for the Zoom technology we have access to meet with several individuals from other countries to collect some resources for the linguistics part of our translation resources.
- that our team members traveled to Bogota, Colombia this past July to complete needed parts of filming and returned home safely!

PRAY FOR:

- God's guidance in finding the funding to translate more passages from the Bible in the Chronological Bible Translation in the partnership between Deaf Harbor and DOOR International.



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