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PRAYER REQUESTS

- We still need to figure out when we will be leaving for Kenya, whether that is before the holidays or afterwards.
- Pray for a continued smooth recovery for Jenn.
- Pray that my presentation will impact my audience beyond the conference.
- Pray we transition well. Saying goodbye to friends and moving is always challenging.
- Pray our support is where it needs to be for the next three years.

an update from **THE SAMSONS**

FELIX'S RECOVERY

Great news! Felix is recovering wonderfully from surgery. The whole thing was an answer to prayer! Nothing could have gone better. The dean of the department, who has 40 years' experience and has done this procedure about 1000 times, was the lead surgeon. There was minimal blood loss with no infection, and they didn't even have to cut open the dura which is the protective layer between the skull and the brain so the risk of long-term problems is much lower. There have been no complications whatsoever. Now he is fully recovered, all his stitches have come out and his scar is healed. The plates and screws holding the bone together will be dissolved within a year

and there's really nothing left to do. They recommend checking on his development yearly to make sure there are no cognitive delays, so we will be praying about how to do that.



BIBLE TRANSLATION CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

In June of this year, I was accepted to present at the once-every-two-years (biennial) Bible Translation (BT) conference which was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand at the end of October. So from June to August, I was knee-deep in interviews and research to create this presentation. For context, not every BT organization requires the consultants (the guys who check for the translation's accuracy) to know sign language. So, I wanted to interview international Deaf communities to see what level of sign language skill they thought a consultant should have. I got a lot of really great information from my interviews and I hope that the

talk was effective in persuading people to listen to what Deaf communities want.

After the conference, I posted the video of the presentation to our Facebook ministry page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/samsonbibletranslation>). If you're not already following us there, shoot me an email or a Facebook message and I'll be sure to get you added. We're able to give more regular updates there in between these newsletters.



RETURNING TO KENYA

We recently took Felix for an eye exam. They checked and his eyes are just fine, but while we were there, they also checked Jenn's eyes. Jenn has had double vision for most or maybe all of her life. It turns out she has two separate eye conditions that contribute to this. The doctors, after hearing we planned to return to Kenya within a month, decided to rush to get a surgery for her as quickly as possible. What normally would take 6-8 months got scheduled in less than one! Jenn went in for eye surgery on October 8, and the hospital covered 100% of the costs. God is clearly pulling strings here. The surgery went really well, and Jenn is still in recovery as her eyes adjust to seeing the world in a new way!

This does delay our travel a bit, because we were expecting to return to Kenya early October, but now Jenn can't travel until November 20. So we will need to figure out a new travel date.



Felix's 1st Birthday



Sophie's First Day of School



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