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Dear Pastor Kelly,


These are different and difficult days, but they're not wasted days. I have preached little, but I have read much. I'm working my way through a six-volume set by Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones on the book of Romans. Probably in my fifty-six years of ministry in which I have read hundreds of books, this set may be at the top of my list. I would recommend it to you. Of course, like any book, you have to eat the fish and leave the bones. Mary and I have started reading the Bible through four years ago in our family devotions. On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, we completed our literary journey. It was a blessing to us. If you haven't done that, I recommend it. Mary and I are both now in our eighties. We are still going but walking slower. We are still jumping but not as high. We are in good health and looking forward to visiting some of you soon. If you are ever passing through the Midwest, we would love to have you come by.

I have been working on a wordless Bible with my friend Jerry Smyth for the seventy-six million illiterate adults in the world. Three-quarters of them are women and that number is growing exponentially by the day. We believe it will be print ready before the year's end. I'm including a sample page. Each of the twenty-three stories is comprised of ten pages. Please pray for us. Also, included in this package is a Thadou Bible that we partner with the Trinitarian Bible Society of London, England.

Please keep praying for the Mongolian project. Jason Ritchie who is the head of our translation ministry in Mongolia has started a Bible College to train nationals. Dr. Bill Patterson continues to give oversight to the work. Once again, we're partnering with Trinitarian Bible Society. We believe we will have the whole Bible completed in 2023.

Our church is opening the doors in August this year with the First Bible School of Translation. This is a post-graduate school to train Bible translators. Please pray for it. In some ways, it may be one of our larger contributions to the cause of Christ in world evangelism. Ed Barclay is the President. He graduated from Tennessee Temple University. He is a church planter and a young man with a heart for the world. We believe the hand of God is upon him.

Thank you for being such a good friend to us and such a good friend to a Good Friend of ours,



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