

## May Prayer letter

Dear Pastor Kelly and West Jacksonville Baptist Church,

*"Can the Lord furnish a table in the wilderness?"* Nobody would doubt but that we have been in the wilderness for the last several months. The church has sustained new lows in attendance and is often forbidden to even attend church. We have had to become creative, through live streaming (which is like kissing a manikin) through outdoor services and having church in our cars in the parking lot. I think you would agree we've been in the wilderness.

That's not to say God has not furnished us with water and manna, and in some cases, we have even found *streams in the desert*, as in the case of Mary and me, despite a slow time we have seen God give water out of the rock. Becoming great grandparents several times, celebrated our **64<sup>th</sup> wedding** anniversary which was no small feat and a miracle within itself that few couples achieve. We give God the glory and He has brought great joy to our hearts, certainly refreshing streams in our desert.

As to our ministry, despite this pandemic, we have been a part of some great victories that I think verges on being in the miracle category.

1. The Lord let us start a post-graduate school for Bible translation, **The First Bible School of Translation**, a real need in world evangelism; ending the first year of operation debt-free.
2. We saw a new (to us) large Goss six stand roll-fed press, that we're being told has the capability of printing **one million whole Bibles annually**. A real stream in the arid desert. Paid for! Here is the link for the Press Dedication: <https://vimeo.com/544339027/47a3e55a68>. Please view it and if you are able, please show it to your church family.
3. A press the size of this Goss press will require a lot of paper and we saw the Lord, through some very generous brothers and sisters in Christ provide over **\$2,000,000** to keep it running. A blessing like this is like trying to drink out of a water hydrant.
4. We are partnering with other Baptists in Mongolia to have the **Mongolian Bible Institute** train the Mongolian nationals to do the work of the ministry. This is huge because it means they can now train them in every phase of New Testament church work, which includes pastoring and church planting. This ministry requires us to translate all textbooks from English to Mongolian at a cost of \$2,000 per book. We could use some help on this project.

Thank you for your prayer and financial support and for being such a good friend to a Good Friend of mine/ours,



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