

The T Family Trekkin' Times



As the scripture says, "Everyone who calls out to the Lord for help will be saved."
 But how can they call to him for help if they have not believed? And how can they believe if they have not heard the message? And how can they hear if the message is not proclaimed?
 And how can the message be proclaimed if the messengers are not sent out? - Romans 10:13-15a (GNB)

Dear Friends, we've done a lot of trekking in the USA, and the time to return to Asia is rapidly approaching! If you are reading this, you play an **important** part in our Wycliffe ministry. You care about us, our ministry, and the people we go to serve. Many of you pray for us on a regular basis. Some of you are also financial partners. Doing those things makes you a sender. In this newsletter, I hope to show you the importance of your role in our Wycliffe ministry!

You Send Us (Honest, You Do!) –

Over the last 8 years, we saw many people saved by Jesus, we saw new churches started and established churches strengthened by God, through newly-translated Bible stories in 24 different languages. You helped make that happen, because you sent us with your gifts and prayers.



A History of Being Sent –I (S) first went to Asia to do *Language Survey* 20 years ago, and I was single. Therefore, my first overseas budget was relatively small. Even so, it took me about 16 months to find enough financial partners who believed in my Wycliffe ministry. Sometimes it felt like I would never get overseas! Finally, there were enough of you to **send** me for the first time. Many of you were also praying for me to find a godly wife – THANK YOU!

In 2006, I married **E** (yay!) in her home country, and brought her to America. **E** joined Wycliffe, and together we worked to return overseas to reach the lost through *Bible Storying*. Before we left, we knew that we had a baby on the way – our budget went up. Again, by God's grace, in 2007 more of you joined our team of financial partners, and **sent** us back to Asia.

In 2012 while on furlough in the USA, I was banned from **E's** home country, because some people didn't want us translating and sharing stories from God's Word. We had to move to a new country next door – a landlocked country that is more expensive to live in. By then, we had both **L1** and **J**. Our budget went up quite a bit. It took over a year, but God led us to more financial partners, who **sent** us overseas in 2013.

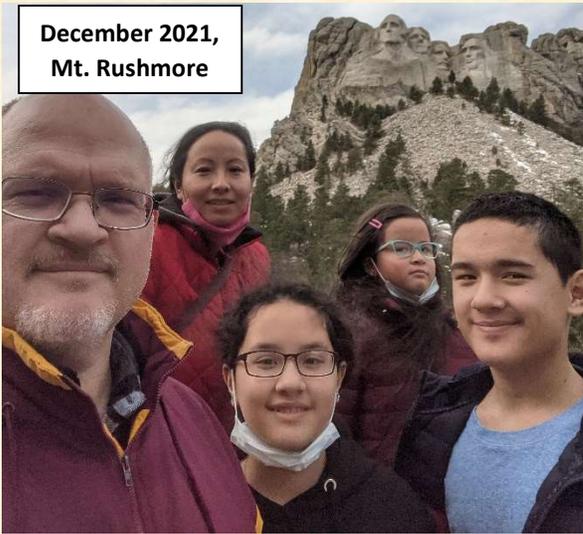
By our 2015-16 furlough, we had lived through a massive earthquake in Asia, and we also had our 3rd child, **L2**. With a 5-member family, and ordinary inflation, our budget grew. Many of you responded and **sent** us back to Asia in the summer of 2016.



Please don't share our newsletter without asking us first – Thanks!



December 2021,
Mt. Rushmore



If you believe in us and our Wycliffe ministry, please consider becoming a monthly financial partner. If you are already a financial partner, or aren't able to be one, please pray that God will help us find new financial partners, and that we will reach **100%** of our overseas budget soon. We are at 83% now.

Sent With Hope (plus Faith and Love) –

We hope you enjoy the prayer cards included with our newsletter this time. We hope you will use them to remember us in prayer regularly! We hope you will use the information on the back to contact us, let us know how you're doing and how we can pray for you. We hope that some of you will fill out the response card and let us know how you want to partner with us.



In June 2021, we again arrived in the USA. We are very thankful that the pandemic has not (much) hampered our plans to visit friends and partners. We have already gained several new financial partners. We plan to return to Asia in June this year, LORD willing. As usual, we need new **senders**.



You can help send us back!

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*or for a one-time gift toward our launch expenses, please use **[again, contact VCC staff]** in the separate note*

Thank you for your prayers, thank you for your financial partnership or considering financial partnership, and thank you for **sending** us to those who are still waiting for God's Word!

In Christ,
S, E, L1, J, and L2
The T Family



Looking forward to returning to E's home place...