



Glimpses From the Greens Dec, 2018

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Greetings from the Philippines. We did make it back in September, and by then the Christmas decorations were already up in the stores, carols playing, etc.. Christmas is celebrated for a long time here!

Speaking of Christmas, two Bible verses come to mind:

Isa 41:4 *“Who has done such mighty deeds, directing the affairs of the human race as each new generation marches by?”* (NLT 1st ed.)

Rev 8:1 *“When the Lamb broke the seventh seal on the scroll, there was silence throughout heaven for about half an hour.”* Someone has said that’s because God was rearranging the set for the next act!

By the time Jesus was born on that first Christmas, God had been moving international chess pieces around and rearranging the set for 400 years to prepare for one of the most important acts in history - God was going to actually “be with us”, in human form, for 33 years, after which the way would be open for the human race to be forgiven and reconciled to God. And then the next act would begin - the spreading of this message to the whole world. As we celebrate Christmas again, let’s use it as a time to share the message of who that baby really was, and what “act of God” was being set in motion by that miraculous event in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago.

Translation update:

Romans is ready for the final read-through by the whole team.

1 Corinthians: Peter and Lhyn are in chapter 11, going over Peter’s questions on the revised draft.

2 Corinthians: Peter has done his check on the revised draft. He and Lhyn will go over his questions when they finish 1 Corinthians.

Hebrews: The other three translators are almost finished doing their revision (now in chapter 13), and Peter is doing his check on it (now in chapter 8).

Revelation: To be revised yet.

Scripture Promotion:

The past few months since returning from B.C. have been some of the most busy and most exciting times in the promotion department since we began this project about six years ago. At that time we thought the type of scripture promotion we are doing in the form of beautiful crafts with scripture verses, would ‘run its course’ in a year or two; however, it seems God had a different plan when he gave us this idea and there seems to be a growing demand for the items among the Aklanon people, and a growing group of those of you who are giving support to the project in one way or another. For this we are deeply grateful. We wish we could mention all of the people who have helped over the past few months, but there are too many to name. Some have donated supplies; some have donated funds to purchase equipment and for shipping boxes of supplies from Canada to the Philippines; some have prepared items in their homes in Canada ready for sale/distribution here and some have physically come here to help. On behalf of the Aklanon people, we want to express our deepest thanks for your help in giving God’s Word to the Aklanons in the language that speaks to their hearts.

On November 30 we had the opportunity to have a display of the Scripture items at a “Jesus Reigns” celebration attended by many of the churches in our province. This has always been a good time to acquaint people with the translated portions of scripture as they come to the booth to see the display. This year there was unprecedented interest and even though we got rained out by a sudden downpour near the end of the day, the final tally of items sold on that ONE day surpassed the record set a couple of years ago

Donations to the Aklanon Project

(for office rent and utilities, translators' salaries, NT dedication and printing costs, etc.)

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*DMI Ministries,
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for the total of FIVE days of sales! Another successful event at a church was held December 9 and two more are scheduled before the end of the year. Besides these events, orders are coming in for calendars and other items to be given as gifts for the holidays. By the time all the current calendar orders are filled at the end of this week, we will have made and sold over 1,200 calendars - each individually made using the calendar pictures donated by many of you. **Your prayers would be appreciated for energy and stamina for us to be able to fulfill all our promo obligations well as we finish out the year.**

Family News

Dawn is completing her practicum teaching and has already been hired to teach grades 1 and 2 in a French Immersion program in a town about an hour from her home in Saskatchewan starting in January. Danelle also recently got a job teaching at a French Daycare.

Andy completed his schooling and now has his journeyman papers as a plumber. Susan is a full-time piano teacher and is now teaching six days a week to accommodate all her students.

Debbie started a daycare in their home in Prince George and has a full complement of kids already.

Gwen has chosen to take on the Assistant Manager position in the day program/residential home for adults with mental/physical disabilities that she works at. Her daughter, Kristi, has been accepted to study special effects make-up at Vancouver Film School next Fall.

Kevin continues as an air traffic controller and supervisor for NAV CANADA.

We've only mentioned two of our grandchildren, as they are the ones with something new going on in their lives, but if you want to know more, just ask...

We're getting closer to our goal of getting the New Testament finished next year, hopefully by the end of June, but we would like you to pray that the three translators who are pastors will proactively carve at least one day a week out of their busy schedules to revise Revelation and then review Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Hebrews and Revelation after the revised versions have been through the final consultant check. Since we got back in September, it's been hard for them to even give one day a week, but we really need them to do at least that so that we can meet our goal of getting finished by June.

As always, we thank you for your prayers, which are a vital part of the process, too.

There are some pictures of some of the latest promo items on the next page.

God bless you richly,

Peter and Betty



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