

# STUTZMAN SUMMARY

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## Praise:

- ♥ Provision for our daily bread
- ♥ Fun & fulfilling relationships with kids & grandkids
- ♥ Safety in our recent travels
- ♥ Forty wonderful years of marriage
- ♥ Wonderful local church family
- ♥ Good health

## Prayer:

- ♥ Provision for our daily bread
- ♥ Our son, Jeremy, who is appealing his recent court sentence
- ♥ Wisdom to do our work
- ♥ Plans for Robert's trip to India in November
- ♥ Plans for Verna to travel to Malaysia

## Memorable Events:

- ♥ On Mother's Day, May 12th, we celebrated 40 years of marriage. We spent a wonderful day at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, enjoying the fountains and the flowers.
- ♥ On May 20th, Robert's brother, Gene, went home to be with the Lord. We traveled to Indiana to be with the family for his Memorial and Home-going celebration. It was great to be all together as a family.
- ♥ On Memorial Day week-end, we joined our kids and grandkids at their cabin in Oklahoma. We had an awesome time riding the trails with motorcycles and four-wheelers.
- ♥ In June, Verna joined the 'Medicare' crowd. Her reaction to this life event, "I thought Medicare was for old people. How come they let me in?"
- ♥ On July 4th, Robert celebrated his birthday with parades and fireworks. It's so nice of Uncle Sam to have declared Robert's birthday, a National Holiday!



*Programs in progress*      *Still need to start*

For the first time ever, the number of language communities still needing Scriptures translated, and where no program has been started has dropped below 2,000! The new translation need number is 1,967—worth celebrating! For the first time there are more translation programs in progress than there are translation needs.

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Thank you for your faithful giving toward our ministry. Love, Robert & Verna

## Thailand

In February, Verna had the privilege of traveling to Chiang Mai, Thailand for the Asia Pacific Language Technology Workshop. The



workshop participants included software engineers, Bible transla-

tors, linguistic consultants, and other workers who have an interest in using technology to further Bible translation.

The daily sessions were very informative for Verna in her new role as the International Coordinator of Dictionary & Lexicography Services.

On Saturday, she had the opportunity of a lifetime; she got to ride an elephant with her dear



friend, Janice, from Papua New Guinea days.

On Sunday, she joined her former Manitoban pastor and his Myanmar wife on a journey into the mountains to a Lisu cultural festival.



## VAST\*



In April, Robert participated in a five day VAST training workshop as trainer of one of the three training groups. The trainees were learning skills for running VAST workshops in language groups with unwritten languages and who desire to have the JESUS film in their language.

Speakers of a language from Africa, who are living in Dallas, agreed to join the VAST workshop. They provided the translators to translate the JESUS film into their unwritten language.

It was a win-win situation for both the trainees and the African language speakers. The trainees learned administration, translation facilitation and technical skills for running VAST workshops. The African speakers got a portion of the JESUS film translated into their language.

One trainee said, "...the workshop really equipped me and made

me feel comfortable about using the VAST translation method in other languages around the world."

During the community check, a woman who had recently come from Africa and didn't understand English responded with great delight when she saw the JESUS film in her language. She exclaimed, "Jesus speaks my language!"

Robert is planning to join the VAST team in India for the month of November to translate the JESUS film into another two languages.

\*Video Audio Strategy for Translation

## Wycliffe Connection



In May, we were invited to attend a Wycliffe Connection at the Wycliffe Headquarters in Orlando, Florida. The purpose of this workshop was to give us the opportunity to refresh our vision for Bible translation, learn about new poli-

cies and procedures, and to be celebrated for our many years of service.

All twenty participants had the opportunity to share their struggles and joys with the group as we spent time in prayer and worship.

We enjoyed fellowshiping around the table and several outings as well.



## L3 Leadership Training

In late January, Verna had the opportunity to participate in the L3 Leadership training at the Three Mountain Retreat Center in Clifton, Texas.

Seventeen new Wycliffe leaders gathered for a week of lessons on leadership attitudes and skills.

