The Global Front July 2022

May I tell you about a couple women whom God has raised up to do some extraordinary work? Actually, there is a very long list to choose from, but here are two:



Story #1: I don't even know her name! She is a tiny lady, a **leader of a house church** in a very remote SE Asian village populated with Buddhists and animists. During the monsoon season, when travel is very difficult, she happened to visit a young man who was learning to produce Bible story videos in their Kav language via a virtual



SPadv (<u>StoryProducerAdv</u>) **app** training workshop that I was conducting recently from my Texas home office. This lady was so excited to have a story

video in her language – a Bible story to share that very Sunday with her group which has grown from 5 to more than 30 in the last months. Imagine the faithfulness of this poor woman who was so desperate to receive and happy to share a simple but powerful story from the Good Book with the young flock whom God has put under her care. **For such a time as this...!** A simple little woman doing powerful work.

Story #2: Speaking of being born, orphaned, adopted, raised up to win a beauty pageant and being married into royalty for the purpose of saving a nation from genocide ... let me tell you about another



Nali land. Manus Island. PNG. Oceania



Esther and friend orally translating a Bible story in the jungle for her people.



In the "Voice Studio" dubbing the video...

Esther. Esther lives on a remote island in the Pacific Ocean, in a village in the middle of a rain forest. She's had only 3 years of formal school education, but has pursued every opportunity to expand her learning while caring for children and looking over her husband's shoulder during informal translation training workshops. Her husband is a Bible translator for their Nali language community. Esther has also developed into being a quality translator "on the side". The Nali Bible translation program has been advised and supported by a highly educated, talented American named Jeri for over 30 years. I was hosted by Jerry and his wife Susan in their jungle village home for a week in 2019. During that time, I trained Esther and a few others to use the **Story Producer app** to orally translate Bible stories and produce Bible videos for their people. Here's a video of Esther and her team as they were recording and watching the first video they produced.

Shockingly, just a couple years later, after publishing a half New Testament in the Nali language in 2021, Jerry died, leaving Susan and the Nali translation project widowed. Widowed, but not forgotten nor abandoned by the God Who Sees. (How many times has God powerfully used widows for his kingdom purposes?) The Nali translation team is slowly pressing on with

NT translation, and Esther has also been continuing to produce Bible videos – stories from the NT as well as from the Old.

The nice thing about producing videos via **SPadv app** is that the local producers can do everything from learning a story to distributing the finished product in their language ... all from their one smartphone wherever they are. It's not a lot of equipment to have to maintain. No travel expenses. Esther and team have now produced **19 Bible videos** for



their Nali tribe. This is all done completely on their own time and of their own volition. Esther reported that she is now organizing the story video production



Esther (white shirt) and her SP team

team to meet every second week of the month. Esther: an ordinary, extraordinary woman ... still saving lives by courageous, faithful living ... empowered by the Spirit of the Living Lord.



The Home Front

This last week has been rather eventful! Some of our favorite people (my sister and her new family) have dropped in from Iraq to begin 2-months of motoring and flying around the USA to reconnect with family and friends here. Hosting three energetic kids and their busy parents definitely changes our typical quiet home dynamics. But we are happy to give them a place to temporarily camp to sort out the many things required when living overseas – jet lag, 10

months of piled up mail, home schooling for 3 grades, medical appointments, finding clothes that fit, etc.

Mom (85) is doing well since her hip surgery 6 months ago and a more recent bout with a flu bug plus allergies. She has exchanged her roller walker for a wheel barrow and her walking cane for the watering hose. She loves to get out in the yard to tidy up the flower beds and to give them a drink once in a while to hopefully survive our hot, crispy summer. She has enjoyed her grandkids, cooking for them, swimming with them in the morning (easiest way to keep everybody clean (3)), and listening to them practice their reading.



I'm trying to fill in gaps and keep things ticking along. Sadly (2), I've had to hang up my pickleball paddle for some months to recover from painful, slowhealing tendonitis. But I'm grateful that the back yard retaining walls renovation project got finished. That was a big ole heavy job of manually

hefting literally tons of dirt, old railroad ties,





Before and After pics replacing 50-year old retaining walls ...

rocks, blocks, flagstone and mulch. Could not have got it done without all the younger muscle that God sent to help. Team work made the dream work! Interestingly, we were studying **Nehemiah** during that time of rebuilding our little walls. Gave me a new appreciation for the work the returning exiles did....









And, speaking of "small" blessings, this summer, I've gotten to work with 2-year old Autumn and her mom, teaching Autumn to be safe in the water and easing her parents' fear of her

fearlessness. (My very first "career job" – starting when I was 12 years old --was to teach babies, children and a few adults how to swim. It feels like I've come full circle to be teaching baby water safety in the same pool where I started 50 years ago.) Autumn loves to fling herself through the air, splash down in the water, swim to the side and do it all again! Such a fun circle ... (3)

Prayse Points

- So grateful for the various people I get to work with friends, volunteers, techies, internationals...
- Prayer for healing from tendonitis in my arms
- That we humans who have been entrusted with the Word, will be faithful to spread it around
- Wisdom for the techies working on the <u>SPadv app</u> to enable it to do Remote Oral Consultant Checking (the next <u>advancement</u>)
- I'm thankful for Tyndale Bible Translators; for this new supportive mission agency that I am settling into, and for all of y'all that are coming along with me to share God's story with the lost and the least. Team work makes the dream work.

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