

## The Righteous Judge who Advocates for Us



At our small group Bible study recently we looked at the parable about the unrighteous, uncaring judge who finally helped a needy woman just because she was driving him crazy with her persistence. Jesus told this story to urge his disciples to **pray continually and not be discouraged** (Luke 18:1ff). In contrast to the lazy, irresponsible, nasty judge in his story, Jesus is righteous, caring, hard working, eager to help, and a continual advocate for us weak humans, standing up for us against the accuser. Let's keep looking to Him, even as He continually looks after us! **He lives always to intercede for us!** (Heb 7:25)

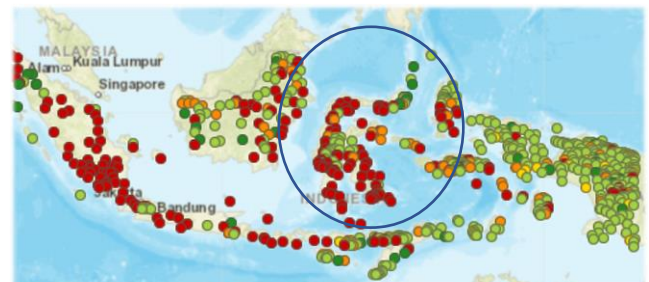


We have an **advocate** ...  
Jesus Christ the **righteous!**  
(1 John 2:1)

## Evidences of His Advocacy

I wrote my last report in November with a number of things to bring to the Father. In this report, I want to share how our Advocate has been diligently working on our behalf and answering those prayers (that I know about):

1. **Larry**, visionary for the stalled **Indo1000** project, reports that the administrative **blockage has been resolved** – he has resigned from the org he formerly directed, and he is joining with other partners and getting on with things. He said that he recently had a great trip to the central island of Sulawesi (circled on the map) where they were declared to be God's answer to the prayers of a really dynamic 'insider' Church movement touching most of the languages which need local language Bible resources because they have none! **Continue to pray for Larry as he partners with YWAM and Teen Missions in Indonesia to train and send out many "young apostles" who will introduce the Story app to these hungry tribal communities. And thank God for Zach (PBT) and his team who have completed all the Story app resources into Bahasa Indonesian!**



**Indo1000 vision:** to reach out to 1000 languages and dialects of predominantly m\*slim Indonesia with the Story app to provide Bible resources for discipleship. (The red dots indicate unreached people groups. The green dots indicate minimally reached peoples.)  
Map clipped from <https://joshuaproject.net/countries/ID/states>

2. We prayed for **Allen** (white guy in the photo) who recently had a **heart valve replacement** after returning from training these West African Bible story-ers and oral translation trainers on the Story app. Allen says he has recovered very well from the surgery and he has no more fatigue or breathing difficulties like before. **Thank you, Jesus!**



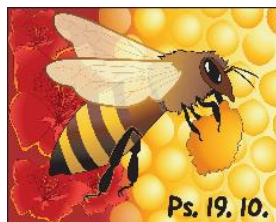
3. We **asked the Lord to redeem my car crash situation**. Over the last 2 months, he has done that: my whiplash injuries are now healed; I learned about and am adjusting to a healthier eating



protocol; I am able to play vigorous pickleball several hours a week; a car body repairman bought the wrecked car which will end up being a nice vehicle for his wife; mechanic friends helped me to find and fix up "Big Red" which will be a less expensive car for my Mom and me to maintain. (It being red was partly how the Lord guided us to know which car to get.) The Lord also used this crisis to surface some sensitive issues between my Mom and me and He is helping us to sort them out.



4. You have been praying for **perseverance and discernment in drafting exegetical resources** for the Honey Bee (HB) oral translation app. We are currently working on **Matthew** now because folks in Brazil want to field test HB in a few months, and that is the book they need to translate. I was struggling mentally and emotionally (i.e. procrastinating) with the mind-bending work and tedium of the task. But **our Advocate has obviously been helping me**. I am enjoying the work more, and He helped



## the Honey Bee

An oral Bible translation workflow app with embedded exegetical helps for local language translators

me to find a free AI text-to-speech tool with which to audio-ize the finalized drafts. On top of that, because we are developing cutting-edge translation tools designed for remote local translators, I was very encouraged to be invited to attend a (selective) translation conference, hosted by YWAM Brazil, to take place early March just outside of São Paulo. **Pray for me as I organize the logistics to go** (e.g. purchase tickets, get a visa, sort out arrangements for Mom while I'm gone). This is a tremendous opportunity to raise awareness for these apps and network with other leaders involved with innovating for the Bibleless and unreached. And, it is yet another indication how the Lord is in the process of answering prayers began about ten years ago: **Lord, raise up an army of young people** (e.g. YWAMers) **who will take these mobile, off-grid translation tools to the last remote**

**unreached and Bibleless communities and help them get started in translating and publishing the Life-giving Word for themselves and their people.**



5. We've been **praying for the translation teams in India**. Prem and Angel are healing from the loss of their baby. Many of the local teams are continuing to translate and publish Bible videos for their people. I'm sure only heaven will reveal all the salvation and growing-in-grace stories spawned from God's story going forth in understandable languages. And! Completely unexpectedly, the Lord put me in contact with Paul (IMB) and Raman who have been working for years to revise the out-of-date Hindi Bible translation which is the primary Word source that so many in India use. **They are very interested to make their updated easy-to-understand Hindi translation available via the Honey Bee software to enable and empower local language translators there.** I love that! **Pray for Paul and Raman in this work – to be encouraged and also that the Lord will add gifted translators to their team.** (They lost two translators in recent years.)



6. I hope you are a little bit overwhelmed 😊 by these examples of God's generous advocacy on our behalf. I pray that your faith, your confidence in Jesus, will be deepened by these testimonies of His faithfulness and his care. We've been asking the Lord to **spread His Word like wild fire** through these apps and in other ways.... Because the Story app can be freely used off-line by anybody, I do not always know who is using them nor how extensively they are quietly spreading the Word. Thus, I was very encouraged to recently receive these brief reports (right) from two sensitive countries in Asia:

**Nep\*lis frequently use and pass along the Story app while they are doing SE and linguistic research.**

**Vu is conducting a training workshop for the Story app in VN.**

Need an Advocate? **He is FOR you!**



*Robin*

### Summary Prayer Items:

- Young Indonesians to be raised up to take the Story app to the **Indo1000**
- Perseverance in developing **Honey Bee** app resources to be ready for field testing by April
- **Translation Conf in Brazil** (March 4-8) to be a fruitful step forward for expanding the Kingdom
- Additional translators and encouragement for the **Hindi translation work**
- The **Word to spread** like wild fire among the Bibleless!



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