

## My Travelin' Shoes are on...

Just a few more days and I will be headed to the airport for a 35+ hour commute to Zambia. The event in Zambia is an **Oral Bible Translation** conference hosted by the ETEN organization



(**Every Tribe Every Nation**). Bible translation (and therefore Church growth) has many challenges (e.g. illiteracy, poverty, isolation, remoteness, spiritual opposition, disease, terrorism) and there are still thousands of ethnic communities that have no access to Bible content in a language or dialect that they speak comfortably.

About 300 OBT innovators and practitioners from around the globe plan to gather for this 4-day conference in Lusaka, Zambia next week to discuss and network how we can reduce the Bible access risks and challenges. The work that I have been engaged with for the last 10 years with the Story app (SPadv) coupled with the Honey Bee OBT app in the last 4 years, caught the attention of ETEN recently, and that is why they invited me and are sponsoring my attendance at this conference. As per their request, I will be giving a presentation to the whole group about the Honey Bee app. I believe these apps are offering some unprecedented options to the Bible translation movement. I have been very *s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d* with this work, but also **UPHELD** and guided>> I believe our Good Father has been sovereignly orchestrating contacts, events, people and timing to spread his Word and his saving grace more widely and quickly. Would you pray with me that I will **communicate clearly** this next week, and that the Spirit of Jesus would **connect** me with others who can, in very practical ways, bear the burdens of this work and push it out to the lost and those still waiting? *We need skilled help* in the following areas:

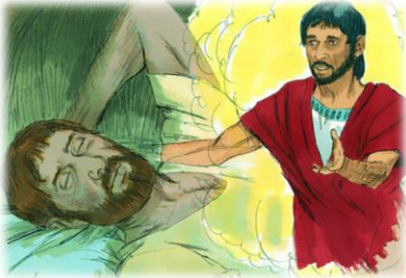
- **Trainers** willing to go to remote and difficult places and introduce these tools to remote local translators.
- **Bilingual translators** and **consultants** who can put the Honey Bee's E2T Bible version + BENs into text and audio form for other major languages
- **Funds** (\$100s/monthly) to enable these things to happen
- **"Secretarial" assistance** to attach audio and images to the Honey Bee E2T content

Scott and Polly, my brother and sis-in-love, have flown down from WA state to be with Mom while I'm in Zambia for the OBT conference. So helpful!

If you are still curious to understand more about the Honey Bee app, I recently finished an informational video about it. You can view it by [clicking here](#).

If you would like to join me (via a WhatsApp group) for daily posts and prayer fodder on this 1-week trip, let me know in the next few days. My WA contact is +1 980 263 0334.

## Itokama Call



Remember how the Spirit of Jesus guided the apostle Paul, who was already on his way, with a "Macedonian call" vision?... Well, this week, I got an email from Papua New Guinea that was like an "Itokama call". Itokama is the name of a village in central PNG, Oro Province, where Barai language translator Simon Savaiko lives, and where I lived temporarily about 40 years ago to encourage the Barai translators with their New Testament and literacy work. Savaiko said they are trying to finish up their OT translation work, but their computers are all down and they have not received them back from their organization where they sent them to be fixed or replaced. He had heard about the "Bees program" and would I please return to PNG and train them and six other Bible-less languages/dialects in their area who want to do Bible translation?!

That is a good question! I am talking with Savaiko (tho' it is not easy because he is in a place with very poor internet). Spirit of Jesus, guide and provide for us in how to answer this call. And other calls...

Lead on, Eternal King and Good Shepherd! Spread your Word like wildfire, expand your Kingdom. And come soon!  
Maranatha!

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