

# The Meece Report



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## Easter in Texas

Our older son, Tim, and his family live in Frisco, Texas, a few miles north of Dallas. We drove out to spend some time with them over the Easter week-end.

One blessing for us was to get to watch our grandson, Ian, play soccer. (in the picture he has the red uniform.) He plays a forward position and on the day we were there he actually scored a "hat trick". (Look it up if you need to.)

Texas is very beautiful in the spring. The blue-bonnets were out. They are a joy to see.



A couple of weeks before we left for Texas we made a trip to Assumption, IL to report to the church. The Assumption church has supported our mission since 1986. We also got to visit our Forwarding Agent, Mark Cutler to help plan his wedding to Bonnie Robinson later this month. More about that later.

Wayne also took part in a Kairos training program here in the office. The Kairos course is designed to give church members and mission recruits a Biblical world view—seeing the world the way God sees it from the perspective of Genesis 12 and Matthew 28.

## Missions Story—Liberia, Africa

Most of you know that Greta and I and our children spent the first 7 years of our mission in Liberia until the war forced us to move to Ivory Coast. A few days after our arrival in 1971 we saw celebration and dancing in the street when the Bassa New Testament was being released. Now they have the entire Bible which was completed about 10 years ago. Here is a story about Liberia by Don Slager—United Bible Society Translator working with a Liberian translation team for several languages. Our son Tim worked on the Bassa Old Testament and helped complete its translation..

"This evening a friend came to say goodbye and pray with me. He shared with me that he has found the Bassa Bible very helpful in his study of God's Word. For example, in English he read that the shaft of Goliath's spear was as big as a weaver's beam, which made no sense to him. In Bassa we said it was as big as a pestle, which he understood well. I'm thankful that God's Word in the Liberian languages is being used by the people here.

Today I finished my work with William, importing the Bassa Bible into the Digital Bible Library, where it can be shared with different Bible apps. This work went smoothly. Thanks for your prayers. While we worked together, William shared with me that one of his sisters died in his home from a drug overdose near the end of last year. He explained that she received some pills from her boyfriend to help her with headaches. They helped him, so he assumed they would do the same for her. He found the pills in a bale of used clothes sent from the US. Sometimes in these clothes there are bottles of pills that are left in the pockets. William is not sure what kind of pills his sister received, but they definitely killed her since she started to shake violently after she took four of them. So please remove bottles of pills from your pockets before you donate clothes"



## Prayer and Praises

Pray:

- Please pray for our team in Northern Ghana –Terry and Amy Ruff. They were robbed recently. Thieves attacked their compound while they were away. Their guards were attacked and beaten. The thieves actually chiseled a hole in the concrete block to their bedroom and ransacked their home they were looking for money.
- This week we got the sad news of the death of a long time friend from our days in Liberia—Eleanor Wright.. She and her husband Jim worked for another mission but were dear friends who have kept touch over the years. Please pray for Jim and their family.
- Continue to pray for persecuted Christians all over the world and for our missionary co-workers in sensitive areas.

Praises

- Give thanks with us for home and family. Like most families ours is scattered and it is seldom that we are all together in one place. We are thankful to be able to drive the 12 hours to visit Tim, Christie, Ian and Audrey in Frisco, TX.
- We are also thankful for churches like the Assumption, IL, Christian church that has faithfully supported our work for more than 30 years. We have several such faithful churches and individuals who have been with us over the years.
- Spring is coming and we are reminded of God's promises that the seasons will follow each other without fail. Spring and Easter, celebrating the resurrection are a favorite time of year.

### Financial Report February, 2016

Starting Balance Feb. 1, 2016	\$ 8,229.92
Feb. Receipts	\$ 3,189.64
Feb. Expenses	\$ 2,775.79
Ending Balance Feb. 29, 2016	\$ 8,643.77

#### February Income

Churches	2974.29
Individuals	215.00
Interest	.35

Total Income 3189.64

#### February Expenses

Salary	1700.00
Retirement	200.00
Housing	500.00

National co-workers 300.00

Hospitality 12.21

Office supplies 63.58

Total Expense 2775.79

Thank you for your faithful support

## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Our Bible translators in Crimea, working under the leadership of both Team Expansion and Pioneer Bible Translators simultaneously, have now officially completed 100% of the entire Bible in the Crimean Tatar language. The new translation was dedicated with a grand celebration last week. There were guest representatives from the USA hailing from both partner orgs. Join us in giving thanks for this monumental accomplishment by your teammates and all their local colleagues. Their victory is your victory too, but ultimately this is God's victory more than anything else. Most importantly, please join us in praying that this translation in their heart language will help Crimean Tatars come face to face with the Christ of the Bible. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to raise up other Bible translators and Christian leaders from both the USA as well as from other lands too, to make disciples who make disciples for Him.

Doug Lucas President,  
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