

## Moving Forward in April

In September of 2015, Pioneer Bible Translators dedicated the New Testament in six languages in East Africa. Recently, an article on the website recounted the celebrations. Here is the description of the festivities: "Singing filled the air as people began to gather. The atmosphere of praise and gratitude continued throughout the entire five-hour celebration. Choirs and soloists energetically sang and danced before the Lord. A renowned drama troupe presented an inspiring interpretation of the Bible translation process. Spontaneous conga lines formed in celebration of the hard work and commitment of the translation teams. The translators themselves even formed a conga line, the joy on their faces and the movement of their bodies reflecting their gratitude for God's faithfulness to them through their years of labor. Distinguished guests from around the world, including Pioneer Bible Translators' president Greg Pruett, delivered convicting speeches that exhorted the recipients of these heart-language New Testaments to use them to draw near to God and to bring others into fellowship with Him."



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Please Pray...

1. Thank God for the many opportunities and partners that He has brought us in April.
  2. Pray that God will bring us to 100% by August! Pray especially that God will work through those who are already on my team by bringing to mind who they can introduce to this work.
  3. Pray that Jamie and I will stay healthy through this final push. We have colds again, and while it isn't anything serious, being healthy makes this type of work much easier!
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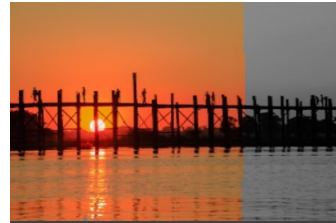
It's pretty amazing to read about how people respond when they get Scriptures in their heart languages! What's even more amazing is that you and I get to be part of this! When you pray, give, and introduce other people to the team, and when I pray, give, and consult, we are building a bridge for God's word to reach more people. I want to reach 100% of my partnership team so that more people can join in this kind of celebration.

This month has involved a lot of forward motion, and I'm so excited about what is happening. I spoke at two churches, and many new supporters joined the team from both! You can read about one of them, Walnut Hill Bible Church, in my advocate section below. I will be speaking at another church on April 30 as well. My mom, Linda Vande Zande, is hosting two get-togethers for those interested in joining my team. This is how she is advocating for me for my 1 by 1 to August campaign!

As we move forward on our last 30%, I hope you also will be thinking of ways to move us 1 by 1 to August. If you know one other person, small group, or church who might be interested in being part of Bible translation around the world, introduce us! Together we can move 1 by 1 to August so that more people can celebrate the Bible in their own language.



[Yes, I would like to Advocate!](#)



We are 30% from the goal! Join us or get a friend involved to help finish building the bridge!

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### Toddler Times

I enjoy board games, so I have anxiously awaited the day that Jamie would be able to play games. For Easter, I gave her the game "Candyland" in lieu of actual candy, and she loves it! Up until now she hasn't totally gotten the idea of following a set of predetermined rules, but she is catching on. She is very gracious, though - if a card is

# Walnut Hill Bible Church

*I was connected to Walnut Hill Bible Church through Kyle and Katie, from the West African translation team that I will work with. Walnut Hill has a heart for translation and for this particular language, so we have enjoyed connecting. Read a little of Walnut Hill's story here and on my website (scroll down on the homepage)!*



Walnut Hill Bible Church

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drawn that sets a player back, I have to stop her from giving that player (herself or otherwise) several extra turns to catch back up! I love her compassionate heart, and I'm so glad that is part of her character, even if it means it will take her a while to catch on to board games :)



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