



Texas

Have you ever walked through a spider web? If you have, you know the feeling of sudden terror as you try to disentangle yourself and fight off what is undoubtedly a huge and menacing spider. Pioneer Bible Translators' president, Greg Pruett, opened the annual conference with a story about walking through a web and suddenly becoming a ninja warrior. He said normal spiders build webs in high out of the way corners, but then there are those spiders that see a human (or a Rhinoceros), and say, "What if?" These are "visionary spiders".

Missionaries can be like "visionary spiders" - doing big, impossible things, but doing them with the power of God. However, doing big, impossible things can be wearing at times, so the theme for the week was Psalm 23 - being refreshed by God. Each morning opened with a chapel that focused on a different way to worship using this Psalm. After chapel I went to a breakout session about the challenges of raising MKs (missionary kids). It was great to hear the stories and wisdom of missionary families in a variety of situations. In the afternoons and evenings, I had many opportunities to meet



Please Pray...

1. Thank God for a great trip to Texas! So many things happened that I don't have room to write about, but God showed His faithfulness in many ways.
2. Pray that God will show us the right time to make our trip to Italy.
3. Pray that God will continue to bring people to be part of my partnership team, and that I will be at 50% by the end of June.

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with partners and talk with potential partners as well. On Sunday, we went to Duncanville First Baptist Church. We closed our time in Texas with a sermon on faith and a worship time that focused on God's faithfulness. It was a fitting end to our stay in Texas!

During the week, I had the chance to meet with the Africa area directors, Brad and Stevanie, to talk about the role I will have. Many of you have heard what my role will be like through my presentation (and if you haven't, feel free to email or call me!). During this meeting, Brad and Stevanie said they would like me to spend some time in Italy once my full support has been raised in order to learn more about the process of exegetical checking. I am so excited to do this, and it is another reason to reach 100% as soon as possible! Jamie and I (and hopefully a nanny) will go to Italy for 3-4 weeks. The exact timing has not been decided, so please pray that God will show us the right time, especially as it depends on my partnership development goals.

Partnership

Through the years of working towards becoming a missionary, I have learned a great deal about partnership and the Biblical basis for living on support. As I have started my partnership development, I have begun to realize that many of my supporters haven't learned what the Bible says about living on support. Over the next few emails, I want to share with you a little bit about what I have learned about partnership, such as why we call it "partnership development" rather than "support raising" or "deputation" (or even begging!), why it is Biblical to live on support, and why it is Biblical to actually ask in addition to praying and waiting for God to provide. I'm excited to share these things



More progress! I'm currently at 35% of my budget.



Toddler Times

Jamie had a great time in Texas, though she only called the Guest House we stayed in "Texas". The concept of the whole place being Texas was, well, a little big! She loved spending time with Daddy, and with Grandma and Grandpa. She also saw cousin Emma and Aunt Rachel and Uncle Ethan. They had a blast playing in the wading pool :) She also enjoyed daycare and came home singing, "Deep and Wide".

with you, and I hope you are excited to learn more about the Biblical foundation for this phase of the process!



Her excitement for the week was getting some anti-itch cream in her eye and going to the eye doctor to make sure her eye was okay. She did great at holding her eye open while the doctor shined all kinds of lights into it, and was given a clean bill of eye health!



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