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We're running behind in our communication, both busyness and finances have restrained us recently.

There have also been some disappointments and hefty maintenance bills that we have needed time to work through. We've also had to pray through some big decisions.— here's what's been going on:

We were hoping for Joseph Iro to graduate from Oceanic Baptist College this past July. The plan was to have him come to Australia for our annual Heart Conference and have the graduation ceremony during that time. Missionary Dominic Kelly (he is from Papua New Guinea to the Solomon Islands) is our College Principal and supported missionary so we invited him and his family to come also. We did everything we could in their application to get them to Australia; I purchased tickets beforehand that included return flights to make it clear that the islanders were coming as visitors. Just days before our conference the visa applications were rejected, stating a prejudiced against the islanders coming to Australia. We lost a fair bit of money in that ordeal, mainly application fees; we were able to salvage some of the flight costs but not all.

Also, the braking system on our much-used car went out. Bonnie was driving at the time and was able to get the car home, she was just a few blocks away and thankfully not out on the motorway. The repair work was very costly, but we're glad Bonnie made it home safely.



We have noticed a distinct shift in the last couple of years in the general attitude towards God and the gospel in the Solomon Islands. We planned our Bible Project around the premise that all of the schools had a Scripture class, a chaplain, and that the Bibles would be used in those classes as part of the students' required education. Most of the chaplains we knew to be evangelical, born again believers, usually a member of one of the South Seas Evangelical Churches.

In 2019 the Solomon Islands broke ties with Taiwan and shifted to diplomatic/foreign-aid ties with China. I usually am not motivated in any way by politics and world powers, I believe we are in the last days, God is in control, and we should press on with the gospel. However, alongside this change I have noticed a shift in the evangelicals there in the islands towards a prosperity gospel mentality and an ecumenical shift within the South Seas Evangelical Church, which now has a bishop that is the Chairman of The Solomon Islands Christian Association, a branch associated with the World Council of Churches.

We were seeking to raise \$150,000 for another Bible Project, so far we have about \$25,000. For the last few months I have not had peace about supplying Bibles for an ecumenical chaplaincy at the expense of compromising the gospel; Instead what we'd like to do is supply study Bibles for our Bible College students and to have a Bible supply on hand to give to new converts in the churches planted, so we are halting the Bible Project. (Boy, that's hard to write!)

This has not been an easy decision for us. First of all, I feel like I'm quitting, and I know that by faith God could supply. Secondly, the distribution of the Bibles is hard work, and I recognize that I'm getting older and I'm not as strong and fit as I used to be, so I've put in a lot of work physically to regain my health; I've lost about 70 pounds and was raring to go! I am settled though that it would be wiser and better stewardship to give Bibles to the saved than to spend that much money and entrust the Bibles to wolves and hirelings and have no guarantee that the Bibles would be read by the unsaved who won't understand anyway. If you have donated towards the Bible Project we need your approval in the change or to have your donation refunded or designated towards another project. For more information and options please contact us at meyer@obomission.org.



Bonnie continues to have Bible studies with women and friends; I will be in Papua New Guinea next month to preach at a conference and encourage pastors, missionaries, and ministerial students. Thank you for your continued prayer and support. We are grateful and seek to be good stewards of the gifts you have entrusted to us.

PS: In last letter I requested prayer for Emily Mattheiss, who was battling kidney failure. Thank you for your prayer, Emily has pulled through and the Mattheiss family continue to be a witness of God's faithfulness.

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