

Brubakers'



Newsletter 2018

Changing Bad Habits

"Thanks to listening to the New Testament on the Proclaimer unit, I was able to change a habit and a bad way," declares Eliza D. "Whenever I wanted to give a gift to someone, I always called someone else to witness the gift. For me, it was the right way to do it. [Note: In West African oral cultures, as in Bible time cultures, payments are attested, not with a signature on a written receipt, but by a witness viewing the transaction. Typically, an effort is made for at least one "third party" to witness the giving of a gift.] However, by listening to Matthew chapter six, I understood that when it comes to giving, the right hand should not be aware of what the left hand is

doing – and certainly I shouldn't be calling for a witness to make him aware of everything I give."

Moussa B. also proclaims, "I am happy to tell you that listening to God's Word has helped me understand many things. For example, I used to give only part of my tithe, and it did not bother me. Listening to Acts chapter five, I understood that God is in control of everything. He knows if I am lying or if I am telling the truth. So, it touched my heart a lot. Now I have said to God that throughout my Christian life, I will give my entire tithe."

BABY DAVID UPDATE

- David's **potassium** rose to a **life threatening** level. They gave him lots of medicine and oxygen treatments to successfully reduce it.
- David became ill; cultures showed a **staph infection**. They removed his central catheter line and treated him with antibiotics. Once the staph infection cleared, they surgically inserted a new central line on the other side of his chest.
- **Graft versus host disease** set in.
- A bump developed on David's head. It was his fontanel bulging. An MRI showed **water on the brain**. This can happen with Krabbe Disease. Results of a special MRI will determine if he needs surgery to drain the excess fluid.
- **High blood pressure** is still a problem for David.
- The **donor blood level** in David continues to **decline**. Consequently, the medical team is planning a **second round of chemotherapy and a second bone marrow transplant** in October but using different chemo drugs.
- David was **discharged** Sunday, Sep. 2 to Ronald McDonald House with his mom. They arrived to our house in Akron on Sep. 6. David will have three doctor visits per week in Akron and a trip to the doctor in Pittsburgh every ten days until October.



HOPE

VERSE OF THE MONTH:
"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."
Romans 15:13 KJV



BABY DAVID:
Sleeping angel; Mama's love reflected in son's eyes

Hope you enjoyed a happy Labor Day!

August Happenings

- Dan made airline reservations to fly to Cameroon in November for an SIL Consultants' Conference that he was invited to attend since he is a Language Technology Consultant.
- Among other things, Lucia prepared annual review forms for a good number of folks needing them next month.
- Besides her Africa work, Lucia has done much to get Andrew and Lilly's apartment ready for them. There is still more work to do than any of us has time or skill for.
- Itchy poison ivy plagued Lucia for a couple of weeks after she did yard work at Andrew and Lilly's apartment.
- Dan and I each made a trip to Pittsburgh with Andrew this month to visit David and Lilly.
- Lucia was able to get to beautiful West Branch Lake a couple of times with our other grandson, Theo.
- We enjoyed broccoli, many tomatoes, basil, green peppers, celery, and green onions from the garden this month.

Upcoming

- From September 3-21, Minyanka translator Ousmane is in Burkina Faso, for a workshop on Audacity, a computer program used to create and edit audio recordings, including post-production tasks like removing extraneous sounds from the digital files.

Ways to Partner Financially

- **Online** – Go to <https://www.wycliffe.org/partner/give-to-the-ministry-of-my-wycliffe-missionary> and type "211118" to give to our personal support, or type "AFF 993037" to give to the Minyanka translation, literacy, and radio ministry.
- **Check** – Make your check payable to "Wycliffe Bible Translators" and include a separate note stating "preference for the Wycliffe ministry of Daniel and Lucia Brubaker," or "AFF 993037" if it is for the Minyanka ministry.
- **Electronic Transfer, Credit Card by Phone, Other Options** – Call 1-800-WYCLIFFE for instructions.

Laboring together with you,
Dan and Lucia



Prayer Requests:

- *Pray for the Minyanka team as they continue translation, translation checking, literacy work, and NT listening groups. Pray for their health and safety, as well as for that of their families.*
- *Pray for Ousmane at the Audacity workshop -- that he learns much to use in editing recorded sermons for radio.*
- *Pray the Lord will give us strength and endurance to be able to do our Africa work, help our children, and keep up with our daily household chores.*
- *Taking care of David 24/7 by oneself is challenging. We are proud of all that Lilly has done so far, but there is still a long road ahead. Pray God gives her peace, strength, and stamina.*
- *Pray that God will be honored and glorified through baby David's life and that He works His perfect will in him.*
- *Pray that Andrew and Lilly will have wisdom in the decisions that lie ahead. May they sense the Lord's presence and help. Pray, too, that the Lord supplies all their financial and other needs.*
- **HELP NEEDED:** *Andrew and Lilly's apartment needs to be ready for them soon. Please call us if you can volunteer to put in a utility sink drain pipe, hang drapes, apply weather stripping, install an electric stove, or do other tasks.*

Thanks for your help!



COOL DUDE:
David is happy as nurse administers meds