

The Translation Consultant Training Consultation

We asked for prayer for the conference that Fraser was organizing about the **training of Bible translation consultants**. Translation consultants are expert translators who advise translation teams, and also approve the translated Scriptures for publication—and there just aren't enough of them to support thousands of translation projects.

So, at the invitation of Fraser and SIL's International Translation Coordinator, Dr. Dick Kroneman, forty people from ten organizations came to Dallas to discuss the training of translation consultants. Greater cooperation between agencies enables us all to make better use of the people and funds that the Lord provides—but with so many different agencies present, there was also potential for differences of opinion to lead to conflict. We asked for prayer for unity among those present —**thank you to those who prayed!** The spirit of mutual respect and care, even when talking about difficult topics, was sweet and strong.



Bible Translation: before, during, after

Fraser's work is on the "before" side of Bible translation, but there's an "after" side, too: we want to see the Scriptures *used* by people—like this:

Training:

- translation advisers
- mother-tongue translators
- translation consultants
- vernacular literacy classes

...leads to sound **Creating:**

- translating Scriptures
- creating new hymns in local musical forms
- creating Scripture audio, video, and mobile products

...which leads to real-live **Use:**

- print distribution
- audiovisual distribution
- the Scriptures at use in churches and homes

Beyond even that is our *real* desire: for the Holy Spirit to use the Scriptures to change the lives of people, families, churches, and communities. That's his job, of course, not ours: but the message of who Jesus is and what he has done for us, clearly proclaimed, is what the Lord uses to change the world—and us, too.

Quick takes



Asia Training Leaders: *Fraser was in Thailand* in August for the annual Asia Training Leaders meeting. This year's highlight: a visit to a nonformal training center, where the graduates of our university-based degree programs teach others.

Homeschooling: *Isaac is back at the Bennett Homeschool*, following a stellar performance on mid-summer reading tests. We're so grateful to his teachers at the [Hillier School](#) for bringing him so far.

Sick, sick, sick: We've all been sick with coughs, colds, and fever—except for Isaac, who broke his finger! Fraser even lost his hearing for four weeks (it's *mostly* back now.)

Fraser's mom is still in a nursing home following her traumatic brain injury in February, but she's showing definite signs of improvement.

Finance update: For the last 12 months we received **80%** of our Wycliffe-approved ministry budget. If you're considering a year-end gift, this is a great time to invest in our Wycliffe ministry.




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Prayer requests

- That the Lord will raise up many translation consultants for the harvest!
- For daily joy in learning in the Bennett homeschool
- For the provision of what is lacking in our monthly support.

Merry Christmas!



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