Pray BFF #177 Saturday, August 28, 2010

A Boon!

Dear Prayer Partners,

Despite the ongoing testings in our personal life, we are grateful for the good that is going on.

Epub comes to the Mac

Epub is not some virtual bar, but an abbreviation for electronic publishing. Yesterday, Apple quietly upgraded one program's ability to export to epub - free of charge. I've had great hopes of being able to transfer BFF materials to the epub format before, but every time I tried, the complicated process of going through several programs and refitting all the documents simply discouraged me. Now my computer can use my own program to export to epub in one simple step.

Still not understanding? E-readers like Kindle, iPad, e-phones, etc. use this electronic format and allow people to read them wherever they are. You might not use them but many people are.

I learned early on that we cannot only publish training material but must distribute it. This ability to export straight into epub format makes it so much easier. There is still a lot of work ahead.

If you go to the <u>BFF store</u>, you will find that there are about 2100 pages from the books there to be converted to electronic media. But BFF's resources far exceed our store offerings by at least 2-3 times.

Beyond this, however, we hope the epub changes and enables us to connect audio and video training to these documents. No doubt this will happen over time. This will enable our full resources to more effectively spread throughout the world.

Our goal is to accelerate God's revival of His people around the world through BFF's resources. It is happening. Just two days ago, someone wrote saying they were so aided by the premarital counseling resources that he went and ordered all four BFF's DVDs. Now he will be using our <u>resources on Romans</u> to further his teaching.

Preparation for Far East training trip

First, we want to praise the Lord that 45% of finances have been raised. Even the promised funds are in. Little by little the fund grows so that God might minister to those needy pastors overseas. Thanks to all those who have given and will give!

Do keep praying for sustaining power. We feel your prayers in the sufficiency of God's grace to handle the many difficult situations we find ourselves in recently. Things have improved, but we patiently endure. Multiple auto repairs totaling over \$1600 just these last two months. Making it worse, was the back and forth several times to really get things properly fixed.

I thanked the Lord that the car ordeal was over two days ago but then our car battery died yesterday after food shopping. God's grace was found in that there was a AAA repair truck right there in the parking lot! Keep up your prayers!

Praise!

- We thank the Lord for 45% of funds in hand!
- A wrong plane booking was noticed and adjusted.
- Allison was safely dropped off in Tennessee at Union University.
- The Sunday Training class: <u>Inductive Bible Studies in the Book of Titus</u> went well. We teachers had a great time studying together and now even have it up on the web!
- Focus on preparing for meetings after the ministry trip.
- Thank the Lord that part of my eye problem was discovered. My new eye glasses
 were not measured at the right height so that I need to regularly look askew. They
 should be fixed before I leave.

Pray!

- Continue to pray for the peace of God to be upon our hearts as we serve Him day by day.
- Pray for the remaining 55% of funding to come in over the next 2 weeks and for blessing for each of the 3-day seminars.
- Paul leads off a new Sunday class on the Gospel of John (August 29th). Such an amazing study.
- Paul needs to spiritually, mentally and physically prepare for the upcoming demanding overseas seminars.
- Homeschool starts soon! Are we ready? No. Smaller class of five though.

Many thanks for your prayers and support,

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