

Saturday, June 29, 2013 - BFF #227

"But you followed..."

"But you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance" (2 Timothy 3:10).

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Dear Prayer Partners,

We never graduate from being a disciple! Being a good learner always precedes being an effective training. As I prepare preaching on this verse from 2 Timothy 3:10 tomorrow (June 30th), I again seek God to enable me to faithfully follow Christ all my life.

A busy production center

Your prayers are so welcomed! With all the video editing being done around here lately, one would think this is a hot video production center. Well, we don't aim to be such but...:

- We completed editing 22 Spanish videos and with my intern's help we have orderly uploaded them to the cloud to engage viewers/listeners around the world.
- I found and completed editing eight Bengali videos. We got them in 2008 and only recently recovered them when searching the archives. We are attempting to process all our international videos to make them available on the web. This reminds me how different things were back then with no room on the web, no room on my computer and very slow progress processing videos with old programs. I got bogged down; the job never got done, but thanks to the Lord, it is now! So we have 20+ videos (also audios) in the Bengali language (used largely in W. Bengal, India and Bangladesh). Perhaps more coming!
- A breakthrough for work came about when I discovered that when I took a free open sourced program called Handbrake, I could reduce the size of some huge video files. I have actually been increasing the spare room on my hard drive (which is good since it almost filled up again). I suppose I have reprocessed about 100 videos. My computer and study was hot!

I am thoroughly grateful for the advance of technology that makes this job easier as I go along. I need something to offset the problems that increase with age!

Delighted over solutions

Each overseas training trip brings about last minute troubles, which often carry over to when I get back. It took about 3 weeks to finally sort through the quirks that popped up this time. I was so glad to replace one printer that was finally reckoned as dead (though I spent a significant amount of time trying to resurrect it (and did once)) with a printer that my iPad can print to.

I will forego speaking about the many other quirks except I am glad they are gone!

There is also the breakthrough on IRS speeding up on re-passing our 501(c)(3) status for tax deductible receipts. This was a longstanding problem that created much time and money waste, but it is done for now. God used, I believe, national news to speed up the process which was originally projected to be looked at in another six month's time.

It also has been great to have Allison as a part-time intern this summer. She has been so helpful in her area of creative writing and with certain web projects. The Lord bless her on her upcoming last year at college that starts mid-August.

Praise!

· Thank the Lord for finally working out numerous guirks.

Praise that IRS has reinstated our 501(c)(3) status. [Address checks to BFF now]

- My 92 year-old Dad has settled in an assisted living place (but wants to return home).
- Rejoice with us that the Spanish and Bengali materials are processed and online.
- The editing for our new book is progressing very nicely.
- Praise God that He has provided for us through these last years that we could not promise a tax deductible receipt. Thank you for your patience!

Pray!

- Pray that the Lord would lead to where our next international training will be. We have many different invitations.
- For wisdom on how best to care for my Dad for the long term.
- Possible opening for widening our doors to other authors (must consider the extra work).
- Insight to create new web template pages.
- Google had kindly offered free RSS feeders in the past but will soon discontinue and will affect our sidebars with the information. We don't have a replacement yet.
- Preaching fairly regular in the coming weeks starting June 30th.

Thanks so much for all of your prayers! Paul

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The IRS has reinstated our religious nonprofit tax status! More in the next prayer letter. Address your financial support to Biblical Foundations for Freedom (BFF, directly to us. In the memo note (General, STM, Love). We are so thankful for your kind giving!