

Dear friends,

The long awaited dedication of the Rendille New Testament will take place on Saturday 18th August, in Korr. We start our long trip on Wednesday afternoon and have a stopover in Dubai, arriving in Nairobi on Thursday. On Friday we fly to Korr the day before the celebrations. Ten friends from Danbury Mission Church here are travelling with us. They have all been praying for the Rendille for many years and some are on the missions committee.

In Korr we will link up with friends we have not seen for many years. People are also travelling from the USA and South Africa. Meeting our Rendille brothers and sisters again will be so special. On Saturday they will have the chance to hold the Rendille New Testament in their hands for the very first time! For Joshua Galimogle and Laban Eysinkee, the translators who worked so diligently with me, this will be a deeply emotional time. *We cannot adequately express our gratitude to all of you who have prayed, given, written and encouraged in order to see this milestone accomplished!*

The Gospel of Mark was the first Rendille Bible book. The new Christians allowed the little green publication to dictate the direction of their lives. Their choices clashed with culture, nevertheless they chose obedience to the revealed Word of God. One lady even named her little boy "Marko"! In time, the books became ragged and were stitched with string to hold them together. These things run through our minds at this time. May the New Testament continue to be a treasure that shapes their walk with God.

After four days in Korr, we will take our group on a short visit to a game park and the coast of Kenya before flying back on 27 and 28th August.

We praise the Lord for his provision for our tickets to Kenya and to Korr. This has been such an encouragement to us!

OUR OTHER NEWS

We are feeling more and more at home here in England. The hot, dry summer has helped us with that process, but we do find the long winters very hard! Lynne is very involved at church helping the toddlers group on Tuesdays and the Lunch Club outreach to elderly folks on Thursdays. We both are part of Bible study groups where we also lead sometimes.

I have been studying the Psalms this year, with a view to continued work on the Rendille Old Testament. There is a strong indication that funding will be made available for the two Rendille translators. We expect this to start from October.

We enjoy occasionally seeing Renee and Stephen who live in Birmingham. Their little ones, Martin (3) and Francine (1 year and 9 months old) are growing up fast. However, we deeply miss our other children and grandchildren! Sadly Grant and Loki and children were unable to move to England and are working in student ministry in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Vernon and Esmerelda with their two boys are still in Namibia.

We both have had some health issues. Lynne avoided the snakes this year, but was bitten by a spider. The wound festered badly, but she has made a full recovery. I struggled with extreme itchy skin, especially during the long winter. I am recovering.

SUPPORT

It has been so wonderful that a number of our supporters have continued to stand with us! We do not qualify for a pension here in the UK as we never paid contributions but we do get a small income from the government. Our rent is also greatly reduced. We realise that some of you may reach a stage where you are no longer able to continue your support. Please do not be concerned. Our Lord Jesus who has been so faithful over the many years, is able to provide for us.

WOULD YOU PLEASE PRAY

- For safe travels to the event in Korr
- That at the dedication the name of the Lord will be honoured and his Word treasured
- For the future plans relating to the Old Testament project

With our love,

Nick and Lynne Swanepoel



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