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MAY 2019

Just a bit further..

Village well crew vehicle funds almost raised!

A few months ago, we mentioned that we are raising funds to buy a used ministry vehicle. It will be dedicated to community development work, like drilling wells for needy villages. Your contributions to the **Village Wells and Sanitation** fund will go to pay for this vehicle and additional tools for that work.

We're getting fairly close to that goal! Of the projected \$8,000 needed for the wells truck, \$5,658 has now been raised! Praise God for this progress. See the GIVING box on the other side of this newsletter to find out how you can contribute to the Village Wells fund and help us purchase this vehicle in the next month!

In addition to the village wells truck, we are also seeking further



Vehicle for wells and development projects. This vehicle will transport tools and materials for helping with water access and village agricultural projects.

funding for projects that will encourage and build up local Lele churches such as helping with building construction or investing in church income-producing garden projects. You can designate special gifts for that work by giving to the **Lele Church Development** fund. Just find that fund in the dropdown menu on our giving page and designate your gift.

Thanks for your prayers and giving!

Funds (May 21, 2019)	Current
Ministry Work Funds	\$10,640
Vehicle Replacement	\$14,620
Village Wells	\$5,658
Lele Literature	\$5,797
Lele Church Development	\$1,245

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
Ephesians 6:17

FAMILY TRANSITIONS Lots of exciting changes are happening in our family.

Timothy just graduated from college and will be getting married to Paige Peterson this fall. Pray for him as he makes adjustments, fixes up a place to live, and as they plan for their wedding in August.

Pray for David as he recently accepted a landscaping job with the International Linguistics Center in Dallas. Yeah David!

Sarah and David recently helped us purchase a house to live in here in Dallas so that they can work and study in the US. Please pray for us as we make repairs to make the house livable for our family.

Grace is still in school and plans to go back to West Africa with us this fall. Pray for her as she adjusts to being away from siblings.

BIBLE TRANSLATION Jonas continues to work on the Romans draft while Pierre continues work on the Psalms. They started comprehension checking on Luke last month as we look to publishing that book soon. Pray for good progress for all involved in the work of getting the Bible into the Lele language.

SPIRITUAL PROTECTION Pray for God to build us up as we experience so many life-changing things this year. Pray for God's provision for our Lele family as well.

PRAYER

Big news!

Timothy Gebhard graduates from Johnson University

On May 4, our son Timothy graduated with his bachelors degree in Bible, plus Cross-Cultural Media Communication! We enjoyed making the trip to Knoxville to be part of the celebration. We're so proud of all he has accomplished and the ways God is working in his life and using him to reach out to the people around him.

But wait, there's more... Tim proposed to marry his friend Paige Peterson. She said yes! The happy couple is planning their wedding for August this year. We are so excited to welcome Paige as part of our family and look forward to hearing more about Tim and Paige's adventures.

If you would like to send an encouraging graduation card or gift to Tim, here's his address:

Timothy Gebhard
2509 Boyds Bridge Pike
Knoxville, TN 37914



Timothy Gebhard and Paige Peterson—to be married this August. Pray for them as they make plans for the big day!



Graduation day—We really enjoyed seeing Timothy graduate from Johnson University in Tennessee on May 4.

GIVING

We still need help raising funds to purchase a used vehicle for the well crew. Right now that fund has \$5,658 of the estimated \$8,000. Your gift may be designated to the Village Wells and Sanitation fund if you want to help with this effort.

Your contributions and prayers keep these Bible translation, literacy and community development efforts moving forward. *Thank you!*

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