

July 2022

***I will be glad and rejoice in Your unfailing love.***  
**Psalm 31:7a**

## ***Partners...***

### **Intentional Focus**

Recently I found myself fighting deep, soul sorrow about the troubles of some people I love dearly -- troubles over which I have no control. Maybe this has happened to you? During Scripture reading that day, Psalm 31:7 jumped out at me. With the help of the Holy Spirit, I deliberately stopped and began rejoicing in God's unfailing love. Slowly at first, and then like a high-speed train, I started praising Him for every message of His love I could think of. Even on the way to the garbage can, He showed me His unfailing love in this simple pot of lilies. They pop open each year, full of vibrant colors and intricate designs. His love surrounds us. Rejoicing in His love lifts our spirits!

Praising God turns our focus away from deep pits of sorrow and toward what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, and admirable (Philippians 4:8). As we think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise, God lifts us from this broken world's troubles into His brilliant presence. He brings peace that passes understanding.

At times like this, I can't help but think about the remaining people groups of the world who have no access to God's powerful Word. *It breaks my heart!* And so, we continue in this work of Bible translation.



## Spreading God's unfailing love in Kansas

When donors in Kansas give to a Wycliffe field project, now they receive phone calls, emails, letters, and cards from me, Dorothea. We talk and pray together for whatever challenges they are facing. Having grown up on a farm makes it easier to relate to the many difficulties that farmers face.

Often people ask for prayer about difficult life experiences that I realize God has led me through in the past. It's encouraging to see God's preparation so that I can comfort them with the comfort He has given me -- another example of His unfailing love!

I hear comments like, "This is so wonderful -- thank you! I've seldom given to a ministry and had them call to thank me and pray for *my* needs. They usually ask for more money. Wycliffe is really different -- I like it!"

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## Translation Technology

Technology can be a polarizing word. The idea of artificial intelligence or robots can seem exciting to some of us but scary to others. Did you know that technology is playing a critical role in building God's Kingdom?

For instance, *Chameleon* is an exciting software program that uses artificial intelligence and motion-capture technology in sign language Bible translation. Wycliffe uses it in collaboration with partner organizations like Deaf Bible Society, Deaf Mission, Pioneer Bible Translators, and Wycliffe Australia.

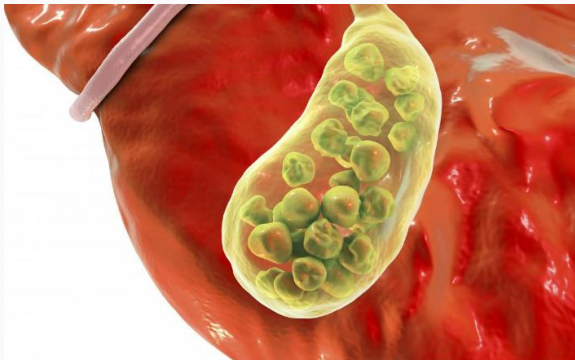


In Deaf Scripture videos, live actors are filmed as they sign passages. But in areas where Christians are persecuted, it is dangerous to appear on video. So God is using technology to make the impossible possible. Just like real chameleons change their appearance, a real person signs, and Chameleon captures their movements. Then it converts their appearance. It sounds a bit like what our eldest grandson does when he creates unique "skins" for online gaming characters. They can look like no one in particular.

Chameleon is protecting translators and making it possible for God's Word to reach more and more Deaf people. God is at work, giving people the skills and desires to develop technology that is used for His glory. (Read more @ [Translation Technology: Accelerating the Spread of God's Word, June 21, 2022.](#)) Photo credit: Shutterstock

## Sir, you have a diseased gallbladder."

Jim saw a VA surgeon in early June and heard these words. He'd been having fever, intense pain, and nausea. The surgeon recommended removing his gallbladder as soon as possible. But Jim has had trouble contacting the scheduler. While I was typing this today, the scheduler called. They said there is a big backlog for all surgeries due to COVID.



We'd appreciate your prayers that Jim could get this surgery before the attacks get much worse. Eating a lower-fat diet is helping some. And by the way, this picture does not show the jagged edges of gallstones. I know -- I saw my mother's stones in the little jar they gave her! Years later they wouldn't even let me see mine -- hazardous waste and all.

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## Praise and Prayer Requests

- Praise the Lord for faithful prayer and financial partners in Bible translation!  
***Thank you to each of you.***
- Praise God for accelerated progress in Bible translation and increased *interdependent* work between agencies and churches! (The two are certainly related.)
- Praise the Lord that Ace (16) and Asher (9) finished the school year well with very good grades. Ace was "Student of the Month" in May!
- Praise the Lord for our daughter, Liz's, appointments with good surgeons. Ask God to work right along with the surgical teams during her upcoming procedures. JUST IN: Nick will have surgery soon, too, (Liz's husband).
- Please ask God to oversee Jim's gallbladder removal. (*That's 3 out of 6 in the household -- whew!*)
- Please pray that God would provide the right job in Florida for our son, Will -- one that meets the family's financial needs and uses his gifts.
- Ask the Lord to give our younger daughter, Evangel, and her husband, Scott, godly wisdom as a family.
- Thank the Lord that He granted Jim and me one more year to serve Him! (*Once again Jim as old as I am -- our yearly joke.*)



## Birthday Pictures



**Jim's wins Canasta on his 69th birthday**



**L-R: Daughter Liz, Me, Daughter Evangel on my 69th birthday**