Pioneer Bible Translators

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Greetings from the Madang,

I find myself four days into October and a mind overwhelmed yet excited. This past weekend the branch held their first spiritual retreat. We meet Friday evening through Sunday morning at the Madang Lodge. I and a few others opted to stay at the hotel while the other members commuted from their home. The retreat was lead by the President of Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT), Greg Pruett. He titled the retreat, "Rebuilding" with focus on Ezra and Nehemiah.

One of the driving points was prayer. You thought Nehemiah was just the cupbearer to the king but he was something much more. Nehemiah was a man of prayer. Every difficult task that he encountered, he stopped and prayed. And without a doubt, God answered his prayers. Ultimately, rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem in 52 days.

We were challenged by Greg to reconsider the power of persistent prayer. He turned our attention to Luke 18 and the story of the persistent widow. The judge finally gave into the requests of the widow for justice. Jesus ends the story with a challenge to us, "how much of that kind of persistent faith will the Son of Man find on the earth when he returns?" (Luke 18:8) As believers, we are welcomed to bring persistent requests to God. God will answer prayer and He will answer in His perfect timing. What areas in your life are you not seeking God in prayer persistently?

Pacific Rim
East Africa
North Africa
West Africa
South Asia
South East Asia
North Eurasia

God is doing some amazing things right now in my life and through PBT in PNG. The Great Commission is not over. There are numerous languages within 150km of my home in Madang Province without God's inerrant Word in their language. The vision has been cast that by 2050 every language in the world will have scripture in their language. PBT alone has dreams of starting and finishing 250 projects or 10% of the total by 2050.

God continues to confirm in my heart that reaching the scripture-less and church-less communities is imperative. There are around 200 million people without a single scripture or church in their community. PBT must strategically fill this gap. This will only be done if we collectively pray persistently that God will enable His servants to "Go and make disciples."

Please continue to pray for me and for the call God has put on my heart for missions and serving here in the most language diverse country in the world, Papua New Guinea. Please pray that God will empower His disciples to go to each individual unreached language group and transform lives through God's Word.

Together in Christ,

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