

Just your normal Monday morning...

Last week Monday as I was getting ready to head to my office for the morning, our co-worker came over to say that a man had stepped on a broken glass bottle and likely needed his big toe stitched up. After having a look at it, I agreed that it did need stitched so I took off the proverbial translator's hat and swapped it out for the doctor's hat (and gloves of course) and sewed up toe.

This Monday as I was getting breakfast ready, the cat jumped up into the loft as he normally does to do his rounds checking for rats and to take his morning nap. Shortly after he went into the loft we heard the loudest thumping and bumping up there. For a split second I thought maybe he had gotten one of the rats that continually disturbs us by running sprints in the ceiling. Then it dawned on me, that he probably unknowingly jumped onto the piece of cardboard that was coated with a very sticky glue in order to catch said rat. That thought was confirmed as the cat came running out from where he was like his tail had been lit on fire and sure enough, his paws were coated with glue. Robyn and I spent the next 20 minutes or so spraying Goo Gone on his paws to clean off the glue and then using soapy water to wash off the Goo Gone so he didn't ingest it as he licked off his paws. The cat was not happy, but I didn't have to use the suture kit on myself or Robyn, for which I am quite glad. He's a great cat!

I wonder what next Monday will bring!

God cares about the little things...

One night last week I was awoken at about 3:30am and was trying to get back to sleep when I heard the pitter patter of little feet in the ceiling directly above me. Many times we have laid in bed listening as a rat wanders around in the ceiling above us. It is amazing how a small rat can sound like a 20 pound cat when it is in the ceiling. It is hard to go back to sleep when it starts chewing into things that are stored up there and the chewing sound is echoing throughout the room. This time as I lay in bed I uttered a simple prayer in my mind, "God, strike that rat dead please." About a minute later, I heard the unmistakably loud SNAP of the trap just above my head. "Thank you Lord," I said. You see, God cares about the little things, so we know we can also trust him with the big things.

Prayer Points...

Below are a few prayer points that we ask you to join us in praying about:

- Thank you for praying for Robyn and the baby. The pregnancy is going well these past few weeks. Please continue to pray for them both.
- We are in our final 9+ weeks before we return home so there is much to be done.
- Last Monday we started a new literacy class. We currently have 17 students, some of which have had very little or no former schooling. Pray that they can learn to read/write so that they can read the translated Scriptures. Pray that the Lord will sustain them and they'll not give up when it gets difficult.
- Today Matthew busted his chin open pretty good. We were able to close it with some butterfly strips rather than sutures. Pray that it will heal well and he can sleep without it hurting.
- We are excited that our co-worker, Dan, just had the book of Romans checked by one of our translation consultants. It is one step closer to being ready for print!

- I am trying to get through the translation of 1 Corinthians before we leave, but have been having difficulty getting helpers to come consistently. Pray that they would be willing to devote the time necessary to see this finished before we go.
- It was recently discovered that a friend and co-worker from another part of PNG has an inoperable brain tumor. Please pray for their family.

Thank you for your prayers,

Levi, Robyn, Michael, Daniel, and Matthew Lenz