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We just finished up our GSI orientation! We now have over 60 people waiting to head overseas and about 200 workers will then be serving with us. We are amazed how the Lord is raising up laborers to head to difficult regions! Please pray for us as we guide and lead them in their works!

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Thanks so much for your prayers!

Its hard to believe how quickly summer has flown! We have enjoyed more opportunities to travel and speak and share domestically these last few months. **Many** of our workers are **waiting** to head overseas, and this has given us the time to go and spend a few days with sending churches, share on the work, and participate in commissioning services.

Despite the closed borders in the world, we are thankful for the few departures to Asia we have had in the last few weeks! For those **still** in Asia, we're grateful that they continued their work and thankful that they have **remained** in place during this time.

The **translation** continues! Its been an exciting journey! The **gospel** made **visible**, by **hearing** God's Word in their **own language** for the **first** time!

More excerpts from the continuing translation: "Rasmi finished my sentence today, showing she grasps the events to come even before she has read about their coming to fruition!

We were discussing how to translate Jesus forbidding James, John and Peter from telling anyone about the transfiguration event until after "the Son of Man has risen from the dead." They asked "how can someone who is not dead rise from the dead?"



We had talked about the suffering servant prophecies in Jeremiah, and before I could finish **Rasmi** says, "**and then it's after he comes back to life that he will become King and reign forever**" (referring to the Davidic covenant of 2 Sam 7).

By now the folks have read plenty of examples of Jesus's miraculous signs but up to now it has always been interpreted as God's power/knowledge through Him (no different from, say, **Moses**).

Well, after a brief review of John 1:1,14 "and the **Word** was **God** and **HE became** flesh", a couple of people started putting it together and subsequently said, "so **Jesus** walked on water by ***HIS*** power and knew what the crowds were truly **seeking** by ***HIS own* omniscience**."

Please be asking that the rest of the group would draw the same conclusion.

One more plug for **teaching** the **gospel** as a biblical **narrative**! They are **getting** to **know** the Bible so well. Today someone said, "If I hadn't read the previous stories about Jesus, I would have thought the disciples worshipping him in the boat was **wrong**, because only God is worthy to be worshiped, but now I understand that **He is God**".

"Tomorrow, we will be studying our translation of Jesus's trial, **death** and **burial** as a group. They will hear for the first time. Please be asking that these folks really see how central this event really is and that His plan is now for the first time revealed to them. Yesterday, I asked what Jesus could have meant when he asked God to forgive them, "for they know not what they are doing." Han answered, "**That he is the Son of God**".

Later when the Jewish leaders **mocked** Jesus, I asked what we learned about Jesus's purpose that those challenging Him to come down from the cross **did not understand His mission** and Han said, "That **He** is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for **HIS** sheep and is the judge who **determines** who will go to Heaven."

And...after teaching through the resurrection, Arie asked Han, "What about **you? Who** do you **believe**?" Arie answered. "**God, Jesus died** and **rose** from the **dead**." I asked "If Jesus had not died would God forgive their sins". They replied "no absolutely not, if He did not die then the sins of the person could not be forgiven". Ramsi replied, "**because Jesus is the lamb of God who died for our sins.**"

Please continue to pray for this continuing work!

Thank you for standing with us in working among the unreached, we appreciate you!
In Him, Greg and Julieann Allen

We just finished up our GSI orientation! Thanks to a wonderful team that we work with here, it went smoothly and was a real blessing! We had over **130** in attendance which included, **26 new workers heading overseas**, and pastors or missions team members from their sending churches and then other ministry partners of GSI. It's also a great time for people who don't know much about us but are interested in learning more by joining us for the week.



Praise God for so many young men and women wanting to go to the nations.