

Psalms 96:3
Declare his glory among the
heathen, his wonders among all
people.

Schnell Family News

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1 Corinthians 4:7
But we have this treasure in
earthen vessels, that the excellency
of the power may be of God, and
not of us.

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Dear Churches, Family, and Friends.

We want to thank all of you for your prayers and financial support. We pray you are walking in faith with God and the Lord Jesus Christ and your relationship with Him is growing sweeter. Is God finding you to be faithful? Can He trust you to respond according to His heart? Does God have reason to have more faith in you? What value do you place on God? Is God worth it to you so that you love truth, right, holiness, purity, godliness, etc. over pleasure and sin? Enoch walked with God and God took him. Before God took him, Enoch had a testimony that he pleased God. Without a Bible, or systematic theology, or institutional religion Enoch became an heir of the righteousness which is by faith!

BBTI: We finished the BBTI graduation. Two families are on their way to Iceland, one to Liberia, and one the Philippines. It was a very good year with some quality students. Next year we only have 5 students so far, and I believe there are more showing interest. We will see. Please Pray. The fields are white unto harvest.

BBTI YMC: The 3-day Youth Missionary Challenge we hold every year went extremely well. We had 21 attendees, ages ranging from 14 years to college age. Many now desire to visit a missionary on the field and are considering attending BBTI for training. Pray for laborers!

Summer Ministry Opportunity: The dates for this missions training seminar are June 2nd – July 30th. The missionary is hoping this might turn into something larger, so please pray. Our daughter, Ariana, and Joel will be leaving for Liberia on June 16th. Ariana will teach the Linguistic courses and Literacy. The instructor who was planning to go had to back out. Ariana decided to take a leave of absence from her nursing job and jump in at the last minute to fill the need. The missionary will introduce the subjects and then Ariana will take over when she arrives. Margie and I will be traveling over a week early (June 23rd) so we can help, if it is needed. We will be teaching Culture & Culture Learning, Chronological Bible teaching, Language Learning, and whatever else we have time for. Please pray for this seminar and safe travels.

Liberia Trip Cost: It is all paid! Several of you gave unexpectedly & generously. The Lord also provided several jobs that Joel and I were able to do around the Dallas/Fort Worth area. With everything combined, we are taken care of! Thank the Lord and thank those of you who gave and prayed!

Cambodia Radio Ministry: WOW! We are humbled! The radio program is funded through August! I have not talked extensively with Pastor Soeung for several months. In our short conversations he seems to be doing well. He gets quite a few contacts to visit and visitors at the church from the radio program. I hope to have a good conversation with him before we go to Liberia and provide you all with a more thorough update. Thanks to all of you who give and pray.

CHANGES: Ever since we came to BBTI, the mission field has remained at the forefront of our thinking. We knew Bro Rex Cobb was looking for a new director for BBTI and we were praying with him toward that end. After Bro Rex settled on Bro Chris Matthews, Margie & I were looking forward to continuing to serve at BBTI with Bro Chris. Then one day, unknown to Bro Rex, as we were having a conversation, the Lord released us from BBTI. He let us clearly know it was time to go. It was almost euphoric, but at the same time there were some misgivings. Bro Chris is a great director! We were settled into the work here! We began to look at BBTI as our forever home! We accumulated STUFF! And we now have grandchildren! Thank you, God, for an opportunity to cast off earthly possessions and for our grandchildren to see loving, trusting, and walking with you is the most wonderful thing ever.

Well, I started out looking at various people groups with no Bible in their language. But as I presented each one to God, He turned them down. Then on whim, I asked God about eastern Europe. I had always wanted to work in this area. They have had religion, but not a clear gospel witness. The Lord, Margie & I settled on the country of Slovenia. At first, we did not know of any missionaries there. Now, we know of one who has been there for 16 years and one going. From the first, we saw the deep, pagan, spiritual darkness and confusion. And we accepted the task of bringing the light of the gospel against the devil's strongholds. Spiritually the work will be very challenging, but in a natural sense, Slovenia is one of the most beautiful countries we have seen.

Not only will we be focusing on Slovenia, but our goals will also include translating materials, setting up websites and networks for all the neighboring Slavic countries. There are a lot of details to be worked out, and we are sure our plans will need adjusting as we learn more. If it works out, we plan to visit Slovenia as early as this fall or in the spring of 2026. Our personal support is very low right now, as we lost 2/3 when we returned from Cambodia, and Slovenia is a more expensive to live. Pray the Lord will provide. Pray we will trust Him and do what He says, when He says. We have committed to teach at BBTI until graduation in May 2026. I will turn 60 this year. We have a lot to do and maybe 15-20 years to get it done. Pray!

Thank You all once again. May God bless you and use you in the field where you are! For God and His Glory!!!

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