

# Urtons' Utterings

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## Who is Jesus?

## Academic Awareness

**T**his report is from the book Faithful Witness which occurred at the Urbana Conference in 1984.

Don Curry serves in the Sind desert region of Pakistan with the Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship. He is a physician with a keen interest in community health and tribal evangelism. With his wife, Nancy, he recently visited a village of animists and told them the story of Jesus. They were intrigued with Christ's teaching about love and forgiveness, deeply moved by his compassionate ministry, stirred at the mention of our Lord's death and resurrection. Someone asked Don, "When did this happen? Ten or fifteen years ago?"

Don replied, "No, it took place almost two thousand years ago."

Saddened, the man asked, "What terrible thing have we done, that God should have kept this wonderful story from us for so long?"

Shouldn't the question be, "What have we failed to do that so many should still be unreached with the saving gospel of Christ?"

Every child has a right to know his Father. God is calling each child by name, but how is one to recognize His call if it is not in one's native tongue?

We have our Bible partly because of the efforts of men like Hus, Wyclif, and Luther. Martin Luther, who translated the Bible into German in the 16th century, says, "Would that this one book were in every language, in every land, before the eyes, and in the ears and hearts of all men! Scripture without any comment is the sun from which all teachers receive their sight."

Tomorrow morning, while most of you are doing your daily devotions, more

than 350,000,000 people will wake up without a Bible in their own language.

That is roughly the population of the US.

It is the mission of Pioneer Bible Translators to disciple the nations by:

- Providing scripture in the languages of the people.
- Establishing & strengthening congregations.
- Providing literacy materials.
- Training leadership among nationals for partnership in accomplishing the goals our Lord has set.

Pioneer Bible Translators is a team of Christians working together to do a unique job. Preachers, missionaries, Bible college professors, carpenters, teachers, bookkeepers, secretaries, computer specialists, and many more are sharing in each other's individual gifts for accomplishing this work--translating God's Word into all languages.

Matthew 24:14 says, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

Every child has a right to know Jesus and his Father.



**C**hris' final semester was a tough one. He finished with B's in his three classes. He is done with school for now. He has to take a lab science course, a historical linguistics class and then write his thesis. He will probably finish up the above requirements on our first furlough. When he does, he will have his Master of Arts in Linguistics. It has been a long and stressful time, but it has been well worth it. The need is great for Bible Translation.

## PBT in PNG

Papua New Guinea is located in the Pacific Ocean just north of Australia. Its population of over 4.3 million is spread out over part of the island of New Guinea and through a chain of tropical islands that extend more than 1,000 miles. PNG has been an area of intense mission activity for a century, yet large numbers of people remain essentially unreached. A major reason why their traditional beliefs co-exist with Christian teaching is because many groups have not yet received the Bible in their own languages.

PBT now has the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of thousands of Papua New Guineans. If we can field the resources, over 20 people groups are prepared to receive PBT mission teams.

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## Stuff About Steph

**S**tephanie completed her freshman year of high school with all A's and one B. What an accomplishment! She will be attending Lincoln Community High School in the fall. It is hard to believe that she will be a sophomore. Steph has been as busy as we have been. She has had fun attending VBSs with us. She spent time in Morris getting reacquainted with an old friend camp at Little Galilee, Steph went to Christian College. Her best friend and another girl won the trophy for this accomplishment! In the midst of playing the tournament, she hurt her thumb! They thought it was jammed real good. Steph better get her hand insured through Lloyd's of London if she is going to keep playing ball! During our vacation with Grandma & Grandpa Urton in Wisconsin, Steph had fun tubing behind Grandpa's boat. She tried skiing and got up the first time. Steph and Ryne were able to stay an extra week in Wisconsin to spend some time with Chris' sister and her kids. We are trying to spend as much time with family that we can before our big move.



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## Ramblings About Ryne

**R**yne finished the fourth grade with all A's and one B! He was sad to move because he would be going to a different school next year if we hadn't of moved. He was also invited to join the Duncanville swim team. He is glad though now to be back in Lincoln with his old friends. We haven't been home long enough for him to get together with any of them, but he is hoping that he can soon. He will go back to the school that he went to before we moved to Texas. We were glad for this so it wouldn't be another change for him.

While up in Wisconsin, Ryne tried to water ski. He did real well and got up the first time! He also enjoyed tubing behind Grandpa's boat.



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# Our Field Assignment Letter

# Partnership

We are thankful for those who have responded and become financial partners with us. We also are thankful for those who have agreed to be prayer partners with us because we know that prayer is a vital part of our ministry. It is not too late for you to become partners with us. You may send one-time gifts or become monthly, quarterly or semi-annual partners with us. Please send your gifts to:

Pioneer Bible Translators  
SIL Box 255  
7500 W Camp Wisdom Rd.  
Dallas, TX 75236

Our name must not appear on the check, but please include a note with the check with our name on it. If there is no note included, it will be put in the general fund. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (217) 732-7177. We will be more than willing to answer any questions that you might have about our ministry. All gifts are tax-deductible and you will receive a receipt for you income tax purposes.

# Prayer Matters

## Praises:

Our van has made it through all of our summer travels

We are now MITs and have our field assignment to Papua New Guinea

New relationships built

## Prayer Concerns:

Lori's mom is having cataract surgery on both eyes

Passport & visa applications to go through smoothly

## Our new mailing address

Chris Urton family  
2305 Railsplitter Ave. # 5  
Lincoln, IL 62656

# What's been going on this summer?

This summer has been busy just as we expected. Chris finished his classes on May 16th. Only two more classes and a thesis to do on our first furlough. The kids finished school on May 22nd.

We had the truck all packed and ready to leave for Illinois on May 23rd. Lori drove our van the whole way from Dallas to Lincoln; a major accomplishment for her!

We unloaded the truck on May 24th into Scott and Sharon Walker's garage because we didn't have a place to live yet.

On Sunday, May 25th, we were able to worship at Jefferson St. Christian Church in Lincoln. After church, we left for St. Louis to attend PBT's week-long Pioneer Mission Institute (PMI) on the campus of St. Louis Christian College.

After PMI, we spent a week in Lincoln house-sitting for Shawn and Beth Eaker and trying to find a place to live.

We left Lincoln on June 6th for Mooreland, Oklahoma. We drove to Tulsa to spend the night and finished the trip on Saturday morning. We had a wonderful week of VBS there.

Then we drove to Morris, Illinois for another wonderful week

of VBS. We got to house-sit again. This time for Joe and Kandy Cassetto.

After leaving Morris, Stephanie went to basketball camp at Lincoln Christian College while the rest of us went to Little Galilee camp in Clinton, Illinois for a week of Junior High camp. This is where Chris got his head shaved this year. (Sorry no picture.)

We then spent a weekend with Andy and Bea Glass in Frankfort, IL. Chris got to preach there on Sunday, June 29th. After worship, we immediately left for a week with Chris's parents in Wisconsin.

We finally got a place to live on July 9th. Ryne was glad that it was back in his old school district.

On Friday, July 18th, we left for another week of VBS in Seiling, Oklahoma.

We arrived back home on July 25th. We have been busy getting passport applications done, getting kids registered for school, and putting this newsletter together.

