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News from Rob and Eshinee Veith

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excerpts from Eshinee's blog

August in Review

by Eshinee

At the beginning of the month, we drove to the Okavango Delta to meet with Wayeyi and attend a writers' workshop. This was my first writers' workshop where I was anything beyond an observer—we were finalizing the Bible Stories Retold in Shiyeyi, so they can be published this year, at long last. On the way to the Delta, we got our first (hopefully our last) flat tire in the bush. Took us a few hours to get it sorted out and we had to return to Francistown for a new spare before continuing on to the Delta, delaying meetings in Maun by a day, but it turned out OK.

Eshinee discusses the newly checked Shiyeyi Mark with Mr. Kauthemwa, a Wayeyi chief, in Sepopa. Kauthemwa was one of Eshinee and Sara's "cell phone consultants" during the check of the Mark manuscript. It was great to finally meet him in person.

On the way back to Gabane, we spent a weekend with an SIL couple in D'kar and attended the Kuru Dance Festival. Amazing time, one of the highlights of our time here in Botswana so far. The Wayeyi from Shakawe were one of the groups represented there and they gave quite a show, including the cutest little Muyeyi in a reed skirt. We gave a few Peace Corps workers a lift back to Gaborone.

A young Muyeyi dancer performs at the Kuru Dance Festival.

Now, Rob's computer fritzed during the trip and we had to hurriedly plan for repairs upon our return. We found a Mac store in Pretoria, South Africa so we drove there to put it in the shop. They say it'll be fixed within the next week or so. Since we're on our way back to the Delta for the LBT Southern Africa Retreat tomorrow morning, we'll have to make the return trip to Pretoria after that.

The retreat will be followed by a trip to Namibia with our boss from LBT, Jim Laesch to visit a potential translation project in Rundu. After we drop Jim in Francistown on our way back to Gabane, we'll make plans for the next trip to Pretoria. Also, we'll put the car in the shop to see why it doesn't start sometimes. On our trip to Pretoria, we had a total breakdown in Lobatse, the town on the border. We had just met a missionary who lives there that Monday, Laura, so I called her and she and her husband Andy and Pastor Jack came to help us. We swapped out the battery

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More **dancing sni** *at* ***http://eshinee.blogspot.com***

To a Tea

by Eshinee

To celebrate the completion of the Shiyeyi Bible Stories and the first check of Mark, Sarah, Rob and I went to the No. 1 Ladies' Opera House for a tea tasting. It was a bittersweet event - literally. Sarah and I drank a lot of hot drinks during our checking sessions (it was a particularly cold winter) so we were looking forward to enjoying all that hot, sweet, free tea. Imagine our surprise when the tea hostess told us that we had to taste our tea without sugar. Without sugar! In Botswana! Well, we found a way around it. We would take the first two bitter sips at the tasting table, then return to our dining table with the tiny cups… to the waiting sugar bowl. We felt pretty clever, surreptitiously stirring sugar into the cups beneath the table so that we could truly enjoy our tea the way we like it—strong and sweet. I'm sure the hostess must have wondered what all the giggling was about. And that's how we became the (locally) infamous Shiyeyi Sugar Squad—partners in culinary crime.

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for a new one and managed to get going again but general consensus is that something is wrong with the starter. Rob has taken to praying over the car so that it will start.

Between sharing a computer with Rob (so he can prepare his VMS presentation for the retreat) and making plans for our many trips (getting the cash together, booking accommodation, making phone calls, reading maps), this has been a crazy month. And tomorrow, we hit the road early to head back to the Delta for another 2 weeks. I'm hoping that, after that, we'll have a concrete assignment so we can use the remaining month of housesitting in Gabane to line up housing for the next leg of our journey.

Pray for us

- for *Safety* and *Health* as we minister in Botswana.
- for *Housing!* After October 15, we don't have a place to stay yet. We need temporary housing (3 months) in Francistown and long-term housing in Maun.
- pray for *Energy* as our schedule becomes very busy the rest of the year.

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A message from Lutheran Bible Translators:

MISSIONARY POOL

Summer is over, and for most of us, the pool has closed for the season. However, the missionary pool doesn't contain water, it is made up of funds, and it is very much open!

LBT operates on a pooled income system. Each missionary has an annual funding goal that relates to their budget. Gifts in support of LBT missionaries are applied to the budget of that missionary. If the budget for that missionary is fully-funded, surplus funds are used to assist other missionaries whose budgets are in deficit (such as new missionaries just starting out).

Thank you for your valued support of LBT missionaries. As of October 1, 2008 the missionary pool was at 75% of the year to date needed amount. If you haven't given a gift in support of your missionary this year please prayerfully consider doing so at this time of need.

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