

# TRACKING THE TABBS

April 2019

Dear Family and Friends,

There is so much that has happened in our family these last four months since we wrote in December. I, Waller, will write about them in chronological order, not in order of their importance!

We did have a quiet Christmas and New Year's holiday at home with daughters Laura and Gloria. Now that all three daughters are in California most of the time with Sarah and Laura working, and Gloria a sophomore at Westmont College, we really appreciate the rare times that we all can be together. So for Mary's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in January, we went out to Santa Barbara where Laura, Gloria, and Mary's sister Ruth live. We also used the time to plan for Sarah's wedding which would take place on March 30 at Montecito Covenant Church (MCC), the same church Mary and I married in thirty years ago. MCC is almost next door to Westmont College and was the church that Mary attended during her college years at Westmont. MCC was the first church to support our work when we went to Africa in 1990 and has faithfully kept up their partnership with us to this day.

On February 1, I began one of my best trips to east Africa taking me to Oxford, England, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Entebbe, Uganda. I consider it one of my best trips because I got to enjoy staying with friends in Oxford, was able to receive teaching with 20 other fellow colleagues in a consultation forum in Dar es Salaam, and was able to give training and translation consultation over Psalms 42-72 in Entebbe.



Clockwise from left: John & Heidi Macaulay in front of St. Andrew's Church, Oxford. Heidi works at Oxford and was a great guide. We stumbled upon a portrait of John Wycliffe in one of the college dining commons. He taught at Oxford in the 1300s! Sam Mubbala, Enoch Wandera, Andrew Angupale and I at the translation forum in Dar es Salaam Feb 5-8. Lubwisi translators Charles Musinguzi and Timothy Bandirana in Entebbe. Below: Sarah's bridesmaids/sisters Laura and Gloria help prepare the bride!

On the last day of my trip, I injured my bad right knee. When I got back to Lakeland, I made appointments to explore what to do about the situation, and knee replacement surgery was recommended. We scheduled it for April 9 which would take place after Sarah and Kevin So's marriage on March 30. Unexpected things happen, and the night before we were to fly to California, my knee flared up like it never has before, and I found myself in an ambulance taking me to the hospital just hours before our scheduled flight. My blood pressure due to the pain was dangerously high. I spent two nights in the hospital until I could be discharged. With much thanks to God, I was able to fly to California with my 83 year-old mother accompanying me and arrive before the rehearsal and dinner. The next day, I was able to walk Sarah down the aisle at MCC with her on my right arm and a crutch under my left. I enjoyed the beautiful reception from a wheel chair. I was able to have the surgery on April 9, and now I am recovering from that even as I write. I am a very blessed man.

Please pray for healing and recovery as I return to work.

Waller

