

De Jong Update March - April 2008

This is what the LORD says - your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go" (Isaiah 48:17).

Do you ever have the feeling when you are working on a large project that it will never get done? Sometimes we feel that way too. But we reached some milestones in March.

We want to shout, "Hallelujah, Praise the Lord." Yes, you may shout it with us, because you have been a part of it as well. You encouraged, prayed and gave, so we could accomplish the project. What is it? Sylvia's book, *Widows of the Old Testament* has been translated into Spanish and edited. The manuscript is ready to submit to a book publisher for printing and distribution and we covet your prayers for God's will. March 17th, it was published on a Spanish web site www.Obrerofiel.com. This web site is used by Spanish speaking pastors, leaders, and lay people throughout the world. Pray God will use it to encourage many for His glory. The translation and editing required a lot of hard work by several believers who donated their time as a ministry to the Lord. What an encouragement they have been in this enormous task.

We also rejoice that Sylvia has been able to complete the policy guide for the translators and editors working on her book, *Widows of the Old Testament* (WOT). Each of them have read it and are excited to have guidelines from which to work. Remember, these translators and editors come from many cultures of the world.

Oh, another praise item - on our trip to the south last month, our grandson-in-law in Atlanta taught Sylvia how to work on our web site, www.dejongministries.com. That does not mean you will see the updates immediately. Please be patient with us.

We are starting to get some encouraging feedback from those who have read or studied *Widows of the Old Testament* in English. One lady told us, "Your book is not only for widows, but also for those of us who have been fired from our jobs just months from retirement, after giving long years of faithful service to a company we thought would treat us fairly. It is like a death. I feel like a widow. I am grieving. Your book has given me hope and encouragement just when I needed it."

We request prayer for Sylvia's healing from eye surgery, which was March 28. She had a corneal transplant in the left eye. She will have the right eye done after the left eye fully heals. Sylvia will not be able to do much reading or research for several months following each surgery. We have another praise (and prayer) item. The Naomi Study Guide has been placed on the web site.

We have a planned trip April 18 - 28 to GA and NC for ministry and a mission conference in Hickory NC (April 23-27). Please pray for health, safety, and that we will be a blessing and encouragement to many.

Pray for Adam, who recently received Christ in prison. He desires to take a Bible correspondence course supplied by Source of Light Ministries. Pray that he will become grounded in his faith. He will be released from prison in a few

months and will need good mentors and good prayer support. Sylvia led Adam's mother to the Lord in 2000.

Pray for a widow, Rose (not the actual name). She desperately needs a paying job. She is supporting her three sons in an African country so they can live and complete their education. She is seeking political asylum in the U.S. and desires to bring her sons here once she gets a good job. Pray for God to give her safety, provision and wisdom as she considers going on an important trip April 21 - May 2.

Pray God will continue to provide Widow project funds to be used in various ways: 1) help for special needs of the volunteer translators, 2) office and computer needs to translate WOT, 3) travel, gas and food expenses involved when translators and editors must meet, 4) special funds for urgent needs of widows or pastors involved with our ministry.

While you are praying for God's supply, please pray that the Lord will provide some new regular supporters. We receive social security each month, but the current level of missionary support we receive is the lowest ever. With the fast rising cost of everything - gas, groceries, medical, etc. - it is getting harder and harder to make ends meet and still have a meaningful ministry. In the same breath, we have to say, God has been faithful in meeting our needs in various ways and we praise Him for His faithfulness. After all of these years of being in mission work, it is still hard to mention these personal needs. Pray God will supply in the way He chooses.

Because of the Cross and the Resurrection of Christ,

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See summary of praises and prayer requests on next page.

Prayer sheet for De Jong Ministries

Praises to God Summarized:

- Spanish translation WOT completed
- Spanish WOT Book published on Internet
- Translation and Edit Policy Guide completed
- Sylvia's eye surgery was successful and healing nicely
- Naomi Study Guides completed and on web site
- Learning how to manage web site
- Adam's personal acceptance of Christ and desire to grow

Prayer Needs Summarized:

- Continued recovery for Sylvia from corneal transplant surgery, left eye,
- Pray for God's will concerning the publishing and distribution of the Spanish WOT book.
- Pray for health, safety and effective ministry on trip to GA and NC during April 18 – 28. Pray for the Mission Conference in Hickory April 23-27.
- Pray for Adam to grow spiritually and preparation for his release.
- Pray for God to supply resources for the Widow Project fund to cover needs of translators, widows and pastors ministering to widows.
- Pray God will raise up new supporters as He chooses.
- Pray for the widow "Rose"- a paying job, political asylum, safety, provision and wisdom concerning an important trip as well as safety and provision for her sons and the widow who cares for them.