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The Word of God is **not** BOUND

2 Timothy 2:9

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Betrayed by a trusted friend, the verdict was declared in August of 1536. **William Tyndale** was stripped of his ordination as a priest then taken prisoner to the castle of Vilford. Two months later on October 6, he was strangled and then burned at the stake. He was only 42 years old. Never married. Never buried. His last words were a prayer, "Lord, open the King of England's eyes." Tyndale, often called "The Father of the English Bible," was a gifted linguist, fluent in eight languages including Hebrew and Greek. His burden was seen in conversations that he had around the table with biblically illiterate priests. "If God spares my life, ere many years pass, I will cause a boy that driveth the plow shall know more of the Scriptures than thou dost."

The Bible translator must constantly ask, "How do I put this into the common language?" Obviously, there are many literary hurdles. When we read our Bibles, much of the translator's art can be traced directly back to William Tyndale. 90% of our King James Version Bible comes directly from Tyndale's translation. He gave us such phrases as: Let there be light. (Genesis 1:3), Am I my brother's keeper? (Genesis 4:9), The Lord bless thee, and keep

thee. The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be merciful unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace. (Numbers 6:24–26), In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. (John 1:1), There were shepherds abiding in the field. (Luke 2:8), Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:3), Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. (Matthew 6:9), etc.

His prayer, "Lord, open the King of England's eyes," was partially answered just three years after his death when Henry VIII required every parish church in England to make a copy of the English Bible available to its parishioners. "The Word of God is not bound!"

Thanks to gifts like yours, EMU International missionaries around the world for 76 years have faithfully taught and declared the truths of God's Word. We have taken the Scriptures across hostile borders physically, and virtually. Today, we have a team of EMU missionaries who are working with others to translate the Bible into the tribal languages of Northeastern Cambodia. "How do we put this into the common language?" Please pray with us that God will grant clarity and wisdom to this team of translators.

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We would like to also request prayer for the camp season in Uruguay at Campamento Emanuel. Our theme this summer (it is summer in South America), is "Missions." On February 18, I will be traveling to Uruguay for the Workers' Conference and Family Camp. Missionaries Tim and Cheryl Chapman and two of their children will be traveling from Peru to speak at our camp and in area churches. Please pray that we will easily meet all of the COVID-19 requirements and that we will make it easily through customs with the many items Pedro Donz  has asked us to bring.

Thanks again for your partnership in supporting EMU International and our missionaries. Be encouraged today, "The Word of God is not bound!"



Looking Back JANUARY



Following a wonderful time with family over Christmas, we began the new year in full swing with video conferences with our mission's Uruguayan Board of Directors. I scheduled several luncheons with ministry leaders in the Greenville area. We made a quick trip to Raleigh, NC, and visited **Friendship Baptist Church**. They support a couple of our EMU missionary families. Our son-in-law Kris Wilder serves as the youth pastor. I had a profitable trip to Florida and spoke at **Victory Baptist Church** in Zephyrhills. This was a last-minute change as my original meeting was canceled and rescheduled for August. Special thanks to **Pastor David Toulson** for allowing me to introduce EMU International to his church family. I participated in the **ARCH National Pastors Fellowship** at **Community Baptist Church** in Bradenton, a church that has supported EMU in the past. This annual meeting has become a great opportunity to connect with like-minded ministries. Last year I met **Pastor Rick Ballard** at the conference. His church supports one of our EMU missionary families. I preached for them in November. He and I shared a room at the conference. I also participated in a **Missions Summit** with about twenty missionary leaders. When I arrived home, Joanna and I took advantage of a gift certificate that we had received for Christmas and enjoyed an amazing night out at the **Blueridge Restaurant at the Grove Park Inn**. The buffet was amazing! We sat by the window as sunset and enjoyed a rare date night. I participated in two different Zoom video chats between our campers at **Camp Emmanuel** in Uruguay and EMU missionaries. The **Jensens** in Cambodia spoke to our Children's Camp and the **Bixbys** in France spoke to our Young People Camp. I had the distinct privilege of participating in a prayer of dedication at **Trinity Bible Church** in Greer, SC. **Pastor Greg Mazak** asked me to pray for the eight elders as they began their new calendar year. The month ended with more luncheons and my participation in the **BJU Seminary CORE Conference**.

Looking Ahead FEBRUARY - MARCH



As we began the month of February, I was able to connect with several ministry leaders at the **BJU Seminary CORE Conference**. The theme this year was "AWAKE: Proclaiming Truth to a Broken Culture." I participated in another Zoom video conference between Mexican missionaries **Marco and Gwendolyn Nu ez** and our teen campers in Uruguay.

On Saturday, February 5, I fly to **Phoenix, Arizona**. I will be with **Pastor Joel Tetreau** and his church, **Southwest Valley Bible Church** on Sunday, February 6. I then will be with **Pastor Kevin Schall** at **Northwest Valley Baptist Church** in Glendale for the **FBFI Board meeting**. I return to Greenville on February 9. I have a few other lunch meetings planned when I return.

On February 18, I fly from Greenville to Miami where I will have a fourteen-and-a-half-hour layover. I then will fly through the night to **Uruguay**. I will preach in a couple of churches in **Montevideo** on Sunday, February 20. Our **Workers' Conference** begins on Tuesday, February 22, and ends on Friday, February 25. **Tim Chapman** will lead the training sessions. I will personally interview our national missionaries. I will preach in **Montevideo** on Sunday morning, February 27, and then drive about three hours north to **Durazno** for a service that evening. **Family Camp** begins the next day, Monday, February 28, and runs through Saturday morning, March 5. **Tim Chapman** will also be speaking at our **Family Camp**. I will travel seven hours north to **Rivera** to spend Sunday and preach at **Calvary Temple**. I will drive back to **Montevideo** on Monday and fly out that evening.

At this time, I am available to visit your church on Sunday, March 13 or Sunday, March 27. Email me if interested: jeff@emuinternational.org