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It's Monday!

I often say that I look forward to Monday as much as I look forward to the weekend. I love what I do as a missionary and specifically as a Bible translation consultant. I enjoy my relationship with gifted colleagues and national workers. I enjoy the cross-cultural experiences—new places, new foods and new people. I love studying the Biblical languages and finding solutions for difficult passages. I could go on.

A close second to the joy I get from my work directly is watching others experience the work I love. So it was a great joy for me to take three interns to Benin in June this year—Anna Newcomer, Abby Speichinger and Nathaniel Hendry.

I appreciate interns. I appreciate their energy and inquisitiveness. I appreciate their fresh perspective. I appreciate their eagerness to serve and desire to know God and His will for their lives.

These interns got a taste of ministry in Benin. For most of the two weeks, they observed and participated in the Dendi translation workshop. In addition, they served in and learned about some other ministries such as church planting and reaching youth.

Ultimately, our desire at BI is that our interns discover God's will for their lives. All three want to pursue mission work. And after this experience, at least one believes God is directing her to serve with BI.

Thank you again for your generous support. Your support not only makes it possible for me to do God's will for my life but help others discover God's will for theirs.

Joshua Hedges



Center photo (L to R): Joshua, Abby, Anna, Pastor Isaac (translator), Ken Beckley (missionary) and Nathaniel.
Other photos (L to R): Anna serving children, Abby catching goggles, cool t-shirt, Abby with children, Nathaniel preaching.

Background: Benin coast

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Praise the LORD!

- **For the Chad trip in September** - Joshua and the Day team worked on revising the NT getting it reading for its reprint in the complete Day Bible.
- **For the Dendi team** making progress on key terms with Susan Hossack in October.
- **For the Neao and Kaowlu teams** in the Ivory Coast making progress under Glenn Kerr's guidance. Joshua is planning to work with these teams next year.
- **For the LORD's provision for Joshua's final Chad trips to work with the Day team.** These are fully funded!
- **For Anna Newcomer**, one of the interns from this summer, who is applying to join BI.

Prayer Requests

- **Pray for Joshua's trip to Chad in December** - Joshua will continue making final corrections on the Day NT with the team. He has finished reading through the NT and is now finishing his read-through of the OT. He is currently in Jeremiah. Pray for the team as they strive to finish all corrections by May 1, 2025. Joshua is planning two more trips to work them early next year.
- **Pray for the Dendi team** - They should be starting to check parallel passages soon.
- **Pray for our family** - Pray that our family would love God, His Word, one another, His church and the lost.



Joshua is pointing to the Day and Dendi NT's located in the illumiNations (correct spelling) room at the Museum of the Bible. These are the two languages that he works with. Both complete Bibles are close to finishing. The illumiNation room presents a visual of Bible translation progress and needs in the world.

Background: In October, Emma and Joshua visited the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C.