

COVID-19 Update – David & Lynn Frank – April 20, 2020

Please provide an update on how COVID-19 is personally impacting you, your ministry partners, and families.

We realized right away that we needed to create good work spaces for each of us. I have a desk now in our bonus room and David has a work space in a basement bedroom. We meet up for coffee breaks in the kitchen! We have not heard much from ministry partners, but we hope they are doing okay. David's parents are in an assisted living center; we call them, email them, and yesterday went out to see them and talk with them through their window, through a 5 inch screened opening. Our kids (and 2 grandchildren) are all doing okay.

Please provide an update on how COVID-19 is impacting your ministry work and the communities you serve.

We are able to correspond by email with our colleagues, and David will start meeting by Zoom with the Guinea-Bissau Creole translation team tomorrow (Tuesday). He intended to begin meeting with them earlier and has been studying their translation and submitting some feedback by email. But they weren't ready to start meeting together again until now. They have had isolation orders in Guinea-Bissau, too. They have been working on the translation, and tomorrow will be their first attempt to connect by Zoom.

A colleague of ours in Nigeria lost his wife to cancer recently. We know it must have been difficult to have the funeral and time with friends and family must have been limited.

Please share any specific prayer requests you have right now that we can pass onto our congregation.

Please pray for good email communication with our translation teams and for good internet connections for the members of the Yaniku team, which is more isolated and spread out than other teams. Please also pray for good progress in editing a paper about the Viri language (Lynn) in Sudan, focusing especially on the phonology of the language and on noun phrases.