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The Best Moment of My Life

Written by Andrew I. — Scholarship Recipient 2011

The best moment of my life took place on a sweltering night in a village just south of the Sahara desert. After two years of trials and difficulties, my teammates and I presented a gift to our neighbor, the greatest gift I have ever had the honor of giving.

Three years prior to that moment, I was a senior in college, unsure of where God was leading me after graduation. That year, I finished reading the entire Bible for the first time, and saw an overarching theme: that God desires His glory to go to all nations. After I saw this theme, the truth that there were still entire unreached people groups was shocking. When I heard about an opportunity to join Campus Crusade for Christ to go minister to unreached people groups, I knew that was where God was leading me.

Teamed with two other recent college graduates, our task was ambitious: in just two years, we were to learn the language and culture of an unreached people group in a closed Muslim country and translate a set of stories from the Bible. But we believed God could do anything, especially in something so close to his heart: reaching the unreached.

Those two years were the hardest of my life. There was pervasive spiritual darkness. We struggled to learn the language and understand the culture. On top of that, I experienced many health problems: malaria twice, a heart issue that led to a two-month detour back to the states, and a painful hernia that required surgery. But those years were the best of my life, because I relied on God and grew closer to Him like never before.

In addition, I was blessed to see God work powerfully in the lives of the people around us. The process of translating the stories was long and difficult,

because we had to make sure each word was Biblically accurate and understood by the people. Through the process, "Lydia" our neighbor, secretly listened to drafts of the stories and gave her input. She told us that she had always been drawn to Jesus by the example of Christians she had met in her travels, but that she had never heard the message of Christians. After listening to the Bible in her own language, she became a follower of Jesus.

In the end, we were enabled to translate 28 stories of the Bible from Genesis to Acts, which together tell the big story of the Bible. We had over 100 tapes made for distribution. That sweltering night when I handed Lydia her own copy of the tapes and saw the joy in her face was the best moment of my life. She had just received her own copy of the Word of God in her own language! The next day, my teammates and I were on a boat, beginning our journey back to the U.S.

After I arrived back in the states, I found a good job and got married. My wife, Joanne, shares my passion for God's glory among all nations. While spending the first year of our marriage paying off school loans, we did not have a clear calling about our future. We knew we wanted to help fulfill the Great Commission in some way, but we did not know what our role would be. That changed when we took the course "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" in the spring of 2010. About halfway through the course, our hearts were united in a passion for God's glory among the unreached, and we decided to set our sails to get to the frontier mission field.

We hope to serve in the country I lived in during those two years, as there are still very few believers in this country where it is illegal to follow Jesus. We are open to serving anywhere Jesus is not yet named,

maybe somewhere else in the Muslim world. We are not sure what our ministry will look like, In North Africa, we have missionary friends who own and operate an English and technology training center and have a great ministry. Other friends are professors at the university, deeply impacting their students. I speak the heart language of an unreached people group there, so I might be most effective translating the Bible into their language. Joanne and I have often wondered if God might use our business background (has an International MBA and I am the Director of a Chick-fil-A restaurant) to provide a platform to ministry there as well.

Though we're not sure what role we'll play, our vision is clear. We desire to see a movement of passionate, Christ-centered believers spring up from the desert, resulting in the gospel spreading throughout the people group, the country, and the region, and even the world, to the glory of God.

From my two years on the frontier, I learned that a lifetime of ministry in such a difficult place requires a deep relationship with God and also practical training from those with experience. That is why I feel led to Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. They will lead me into a deeper knowledge of God through His Word, deepening the relationship that will sustain me through the trials that will inevitably come. Also, their professors have years of missions experience, and they will provide practical training in evangelism, church-planting, and discipleship on the frontier. With the prayers and encouragement of our church family behind us, we will move to the Chicago area this summer to begin studies.

Paying for seminary will not be easy. For the past eighteen months, Joanne and I had worked hard and lived frugally in order to pay off all our college debt. As of two months ago, we are finally debt-free! With our goal of getting to the mission field as soon as possible, the last thing we want to do is go back into debt to pay for school. We have seen numerous people who want to go to the mission field get stuck because of debt, and we want to avoid the pitfall. The Harvesters Scholarship would go a long way toward helping pay for our education while staying debt-free. Then, after graduation we would be unburdened and free to go to join the harvest at the ends of the earth.

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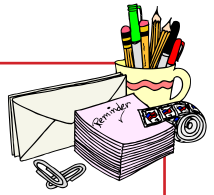
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Donation \$53,878

Expenses

Scholarship distribution	\$39,000
Field workers award	\$3,000
Office expense	\$2,497*
Total expenses	\$44,497

Sale of Stock \$736

Excess \$8,645

Assets

Cash	\$50,458
Stock	\$90,381
Mutual Fund	\$382,962
Total funding	
as of May 31, 2012	\$523,801

*Included love offering for a seminary student's eye surgery.



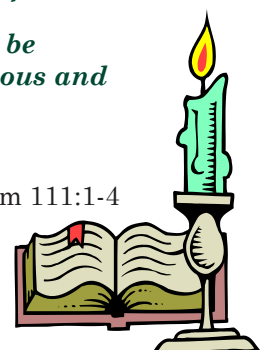
Praise the Lord, I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.

—Psalm 111:1-4



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一生最美的時刻

作者：Andrew I. 2011年收割者獎學金的得獎者

我生命中最美好的時刻是發生在一個酷熱的晚上，在撒哈拉沙漠南部的一條小村落。經過兩年來的艱苦和試鍊，我和我的同工將一份珍貴禮物送給我們的鄰居時，這最珍貴的禮物使我感到榮幸。

早於三年前，我正在大學唸第四年，尚未清楚畢業後神對我的帶領。而那一年我首次把整本聖經閱讀過一次，領會到一突出的主題：神的心願是祂的榮耀遍及萬民。但令我震驚的是事實上還有好些民族完全未聽過福音，因此當我知道有機會參予校園基督徒前往這些未得之地作宣教事工時，我知道神正在帶領我。

與二位剛畢業的同工一組，我們的任務是雄心壯志的 - 在兩年內我們需要學會這處於封閉的回教國家之民的語言、文化風俗，並翻譯一系列聖經故事，但我們相信神可以成就萬事，特別是那緊靠著祂的心：把福音傳至那未曾聽到的地方。

這兩年是我生命中最艱苦的，因到處都瀰漫著黑暗。我們竭力去學習當地的語言和了解他們的風俗。此外，我經歷許多健康上的問題，兩次得了瘧疾、一次因心臟的問題，使我必須返回美國兩個月，又曾因痛楚的腸疝而需要進行手術治療。但這兩年卻是我生命最好的，因為我仰賴神並像前所未有的緊靠著祂。

此外，我感到很蒙福能看到神的大能在我身邊的人身上作工，翻譯聖經故事的过程是漫長和艱鉅的，因為必須確保每一字準確地符合聖經的原意，並為當地人所能明白。在這過程中我們的隣居 Lydia，暗地裏聆聽我們翻譯故事的草本，並提供了她的意見，她告訴我們在她出外往返中，常常被她遇到的基督徒的典範所吸引，只是她還未曾聽到基督的信息。當她透過自己的語言聽到聖經，她便成為基督的跟隨者。

最後我們從創世記至使徒行傳，一共翻譯了28個故事，連串著演繹出聖經的大故事，我們製作了100盒錄音帶作分發之用，在一個酷熱的晚上我們送給 Lydia 一盒錄音帶，見到她面上的歡欣時，那是我生命中最美好的時刻。她收到了用她的語言述說神的話語！翌日我和我的同工坐船開始返回美國的路程。

返回美國後，我找到一份工作，隨後結婚，我的太太 Joanne 對神的榮耀遍及全地有著同樣的熱心。婚後的第一年我們盡力把學校貸款還清，對將來未感到明確的呼召，我們知道我們希望在這使命中服侍，但卻不知道會是怎麼樣的角色。在2010年春季我們參加普世差傳遠景課程後，就有了改變，在課程的中部我倆的心

為神的榮耀遍及未聽到福音之地熱切地聯合起來，並且定標駛往宣教工場前線去。

我們希望在能回到我曾經住上了兩年的那一個國家事奉，在這些國家裏跟隨耶穌算是違法的，所以仍然只有很少信徒，我們願意到任何神的名未被傳揚之地方，或任何信奉回教的國家去。我們不肯定我們會作怎麼樣的事奉會，在北非洲，我們認識的宣教士朋友們擁有及經營一家英語及科技訓練中心，藉此有很好的事奉；另有些朋友在大學當教授深深的影響著他們的學生，我既然能說一些尚未蒙福人民的語言，所以也許翻譯聖經會是很有果效的服侍。Joanne和我常常猜想神是否運用我們在商業方面的背景(她是國際工商管理碩士，我為餐管業總監)，來提供一個事奉的平台。

雖然我們未能肯定我們的職份，我們的異像是清晰的，我們渴望看見一潮火熱的、以基督為中心的信徒在沙漠中興起，把福音傳遍所有民族、國家、地域及全世界，叫神得著榮耀。

從兩年前在前線中，我體會到在一個如此艱難的地方作終身事奉，必須靠著與神的親密關係及有親身經歷者實用的

訓練，這引領我到Trinity Evangelical Divinity 神學院，這將會助我透過神的話對神有更深的知識，及與神有更密切的關係，從而叫我在必然的試鍊中得以存留。那裏有很多豐富宣教經驗的教授，從他們可以學到在傳道、植堂及在前線門徒訓練的教導。在教會肢體鼓勵和禱告下，我們將會在今年的夏天搬往芝加哥去。

支付神學院學費並不容易，過去的18個月中，Joanne和我努力地工作並過著節儉的生活使能付清學校的債務，在兩個月前，終於全數付清。我們的目標是盡早到達宣教工場去，而不會再為上學陷入負債的困境，我們見到好些渴望到達宣教工場的人被困在債務裏，因此想避免陷入泥濘，Harvesters助學金會幫到我們支付進修的學費，同時讓我們免去債務的負擔，並在畢業後可以毫無重擔和自由地參予到地極的收穫去。

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獎學金.....	\$ 39,000
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文房開支.....	\$ 2,497*
合計.....	\$ 44,497
股票出售虧負.....	\$ 736
盈餘：	\$ 8,645
資產：	
現金.....	\$ 50,458
股票.....	\$ 90,381
基金.....	\$ 382,962
二〇一二年五月底總資產合計.....	\$ 523,801

*包括愛心奉獻給一位神學生的眼睛手術。

你們要讚美耶和華！我要在正直人的大會中，並公會中，一心稱謝耶和華。

耶和華的作為本為大；凡喜愛的都必考察。

他所行的是尊榮和威嚴；他的公義存到永遠。

他行了奇事，使人記念；耶和華有恩惠，有憐憫。

詩篇111:1-4