

THE WONDERMNET OF BABIES

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Who can resist acting like a foolish, immature adult in the presence of a baby, especially when it's your grandchild? We instantly become blubbering idiots. I observed this once when a newborn entered the room, causing an instant transformation of adult behavior. But gazing into those big, captivating baby eyes, you realize how amazing babies are. They seem to grow at lightning speed, learn new motor skills daily, and get cuter by the moment. Even more impressive is that in a few short years, they will eventually become fluent in any language in the world. When you consider the rapid transformation babies undergo, you must agree with the Psalmist when he said, we are "fearfully and wonderfully made."

Have you ever wondered how ROCK's *King of Glory* video can learn a new language? (Probably not, but I think I will tell you anyway.) Of course, the nice thing about a video compared to a baby is you don't have to feed it or change messy pants. However, the transformation is complex. First, a 142-page dubbing script needs to be meticulously translated while watching the movie to ensure contextual accuracy. This is followed by review for accuracy and clarity, preferably by two individuals, which can take several months. Then it is time for the narrator to record the 142-page script. It typically takes five, eight-to-ten-hour days to finish the recording, and one day to listen to the recording with several other ears present to catch and correct any problem areas. Afterward, these audio files are equalized, volume levels are adjusted, unwanted sounds are removed, and sound effects and music are added. The new language version of *King of Glory* has been born and is ready for a final review and release, always with smiles and expressions of excitement.



KING OF GLORY LEARNS ITALIAN

After many years of praying, *King of Glory* began learning Italian in February. Simeon Standridge is the son of missionaries Steve and Stephanie who are serving in Italy. He is currently a medical student at Indiana University. Simeon squeezed out a weekend in February to begin recording in our church's nursery which I converted into a recording studio at First Baptist Church in Russiaville, IN. Very symbolic, don't you think? It was a long and rigorous weekend, but Simeon successfully recorded the Old Testament version and plans to record the New Testament version between now and the end of May. Click the link to view a one-minute clip of Simeon's recording and how it will appear and sound in the final release. <u>youtu.bc/S_TZCbOlz2s</u>.



HELPING KING OF GLORY LEARN TO SIGN

In December, I mentioned that Linda and I were heading back to Talladega, AL, to redo a deaf signer for the deaf version of *King of Glory, Where is the Lamb* (WITL). This time, our signer Trey beautifully and accurately communicated his part of the Abraham and Isaac story. These links give a brief behind-the-scenes look at Trey recording his parts and a 21-minute demo of *Where is the Lamb* featuring signers Trey and

DeAnna. youtu.be/ucBp24q_TkY, www.signstolife.com/post/witl-revisited. Though I do not understand this language, like all the others I have worked with in the past 35 years, as I watched this demo, I found it compelling, realizing the deaf community is difficult to reach and one of the most neglected communities with the Gospel. We pray WITL will prove to be an effective outreach tool and pave the way for other ROCK videos for the deaf.



KILL THREE BIRDS WITH ONE STONE

I recently received a call from Nik Ripken Ministries asking if I would be interested in another dubbing project. They discovered an Arabic-translated movie script of the *Insanity of God*. As soon as this script is formatted to a dubbing script and five voices to record are obtained, we will follow the roads to Dallas, TX, for this three-day project. While in Texas, I also want to mosey on over to Houston to work with our good friend Fernando Soares, who recorded the Portuguese version of *King of Glory*. We will dub ROCK's video, *Message in the Story*, into Portuguese. From there, I will slip on the boots, jump back in the saddle, and trek on up to the Tyler, TX area to record the Guarani version of *Spiritual Warfare in the Amazon Jungle* – a project I have been praying about for a couple of years. Juan Monzon, a native Paraguayan and a missionary with Open Air Campaigners, finished the translation and will be the voice for the video. I have known Juan for over 25 years. It will be good to work with both of these men again.

KING OF GLORY PICTURE BOOKS GOING WORLDWIDE

The following is an excerpt from ROCK's monthly report. Amid intense challenges and endless opportunities, a massive ongoing ROCK project-focus has been and continues to be on the transport and distribution of multi-language **KoG booke**: 50,000 for **Papua New Guinea** (These book are being distributed everywhere, from public schools, hospitals, prisons, and remote jungle villages.), 8000 for **Haiti**, 5000 for **Kenya/Tanzania**, and 1000 to the **Democratic Rep. of Congo**, where, on February 13, militants kidnapped 70 Christians and beheaded them in a church. May we not forget our persecuted brothers and sisters worldwide. Please pray readers' hearts will be opened to the truths of the Gospel. If you are unfamiliar with the *King of Glory* book, click this link for more information: **King of Clony Picture Book**.

WORKING ON THE CLEAN-UP CREW

Missionary Mikael Dawson, ministering to the Yanomamo people in the Amazon Jungle in Venezuela, again contacted me to remove the jungle sounds in recordings done in his outdoor recording studio. They translated and recorded 60 lessons by In Touch Ministries. The crickets are not so bad this time, but the beetles are incredibly challenging.

King of Glory is being formatted into a summer camp curriculum, which is exciting. Campers will experience a contextual and captivating presentation of the Gospel containing key parts of the *King of Glory* picture book and movie. I have been asked to go through these lessons and fix visual problems. We at ROCK are praying these lessons will impact the tender hearts of future campers with this unique Gospel presentation.

We all know that babies are more than just cute and cuddly. (That certainly doesn't describe me these days.) They are small bundles of excitement, hope, promise, and potential. How will they impact the people and world around them when they grow up? Most importantly, will they impact the people and world around them for Christ? Obviously, ROCK's *King of Glory* resources are not human babies, but they are full of excitement, hope, promise, and potential to reach the people with the truth of who Jesus is, allowing them to experience salvation from their bondage of sin and to experience eternal life.

Thank you again for your continued partnership with us as we help give birth to multilingual evangelistic media. Please remember that these words of gratitude and thankfulness are not just words on paper but heartfelt expressions of appreciation of the time invested in prayer and the financial sacrifice made to support the ministry God has called us to. Just think, it won't be too much longer, and we will all be rejoicing in what God has done to build His glorious Kingdom. Oh, what a day that will be!

Grateful to serve you and our Savior,

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