

The Doyle Dispatch

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But Why?

Why do you need to own a car? Why do our kids go to school for 12 years? You probably haven't thought deeply about these questions. They're just part of the background of the way our society and culture work, although both of those are fairly recent innovations. Why does "the gray ugly big monster" sound weird and "the big ugly gray monster" sound better in your head? It's your built-in understanding of the rules of the English language.

The Solos people, culture, and language complex is also full of these background rules, norms, and innovations. There is a lot going on behind what happens in everyday life, and just like most of us, most of the Solos people haven't really explored the "why" of every little thing.

When translating the Bible, these kinds of background things come up all the time. It can be a struggle to get all the thoughts and nuances in a particular verse or sentence or story into the right order to make sense and still mean the right things with the right cultural connotations. Whole passages can be very confusing if just a little bit of phrasing is wrong.

Then opened he
their
understanding,
that they might
understand the
scriptures.

Luke 24:45
KJV

Prayer Corner

Praises:

- Safe travels over the highways
- Camping opportunities, and the amazing creation we live in!
- Quality medical and mental health care
- YOU! Your prayers and kindness matter and make a difference

Requests:

- Planned surgery (January) and other ongoing treatments for Christy
- Pray for the Solos teams working in the absence of their advisor
- Larry's remote work on the Solos training materials, linguistics, and language & culture studies
- The boys need motivation and endurance to do school well

These types of background issues need to be clear, not just for Larry as the advisor, but also for each Solos translator as they're working on this difficult task day after day. So the work Larry is doing now on writing up cultural studies and details of how the language works is a vital part of getting a good translation that is clear and natural sounding, as well as accurate.



A beautiful Oklahoma evening on a back road.

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Above: Our camping setup in a Florida state park on the way to Orlando.

Left: While camping, we watched this beautiful owl battle a squirrel for an owl breakfast (at the squirrel's nest). The squirrel eventually won and the owl flew away hungry.

Below: We saw several beautiful water snakes swimming in a giant spring near our campsite.



*All photos by Christy.

There is beauty in both the very large and the very small.

Top: A tangled Florida forest with palmetto underbrush.

Bottom: An intricate moss carpet highlighted by fallen leaves on the forest floor.

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