

CONSTRUCTIVE WORD

The Esala Prayer Letter—March 2019

...attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13



DEAR FRIENDS,

Where did the wandering Israelites get the acacia wood to build the tabernacle (Exodus 35:24)? How did the skilled craftsmen get trained and use their skills while traveling around the wilderness (Exodus 28:17-21), and did they have businesses within the community that utilized these skills besides tabernacle building? How exactly were the parts of the tabernacle linked together (Exodus 36:20-38)? Wouldn't Urim and Thummim be handy for pastors to have today (Exodus 28:30)?

Needless to say, we've had some interesting conversations at our house lately as Nathan prepares for his next Old Testament checking session with the Komba in April. In his words, "There's a lot of detail," details we often glaze over because they don't seem relevant, but the translators and Nathan can't just skip parts because they're hard to wrap their minds around, and so they're going to have to figure out how to talk about pomegranates and bells around the bottom of the priest's garments (Exodus 28:33), the test for a woman caught in adultery (Numbers 5:11-31), and underwear (Exodus 28:42-43).



Young women carrying wood to market in Ghana. Not exactly acacia wood for the tabernacle, but you get the idea.

Pray for Nathan and the Kolibitrap team as they work together the first 2 weeks of April. Pray for clear thinking, good communication, working computers and translation software, ways to manage the extra hot and humid temps, good health, and travel mercies.

Karissa is in the process of planning for a summer internship in West Africa for her international development major. She's no longer the 3-year-old who arrived in Ghana 16 years ago. Please **pray that the details for her internship will come together and provide for a rich learning experience.**

Thank you for the ways you support this work. We are grateful for you!

JOY IN THE JOURNEY,

Sarah for Nathan and Co.