



Jeff & Diane Brown working to lengthen the list of tribes, peoples, and languages that worship God



Jeff gives an “Angus”- language story book to a student in the 5th/6th grade classroom.



Kindergarten & 1st grade classroom

Development Work: Schools Project ~

The “Angus” people speak a language that isn’t used in their schools. It isn’t used in local government. It isn’t used in local newspapers or movies. When they speak with a person who grew up speaking a different language from theirs, the “Angus” person changes to that person’s language – that person doesn’t change to the “Angus” language. They are a minority speaking a minority language.

When a child enters kindergarten, he must start using the “official” language for math, history, science, etc. – a language that he doesn’t even speak yet!

We are currently helping small village schools in two “Angus” areas to:

1. Survive financially. Donations have helped pay for teachers’ salaries, textbooks for the poorest students, chalkboards and other teaching supplies, wall and roof repairs, etc.
2. Become financially self-supporting. We are exploring micro-business, fee & expense structures, and other avenues towards long-term viability.
3. Get reading books and dictionaries **IN THEIR VERY OWN LANGUAGE** into the hands of teachers and students.



Where we live ~

This is a 360-degree photograph taken from the park across the street from our apartment. You can see our apartment windows if you look closely enough. We live in the tallest building in the picture, on the left half of the building, on the top floor. The low buildings below the sun is a souq (or market) where many different goods are sold, from handcrafts to jewelry to carpets and more. The tower-looking thing to the right is a huge pearl on top of a tall column in the park, recognizing the heritage of the area as a pearl diving and trading center before oil was discovered.

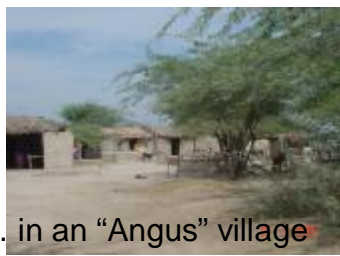
We use our neighborhood a lot. Diane walks for exercise in the pre-dawn hours, either around this park, joined by Indians and other immigrants, or on the boardwalk around the lagoon behind the souq, which takes about an hour. Jeff runs. Daniel and Jeff choose one of the grassy expanses of the park to throw the football or frisbee. Also in the park, Alyssa practices hitting during softball season, with Jeff pitching. We order shwarmas [<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shwarma>] and groceries delivered from businesses located on the first floors of the various apartment building you see near ours. Other businesses a stone’s throw from our building include a photoshop, laundry & dry cleaner, UPS, Islamic bookstore, video rental, and now even a pizza and ice cream restaurant. And lots (maybe even most) of the people in our neighborhood speak Urdu or its sister language, Hindi, so we get some practice using what we learned in India last summer. During Muslim festival times (Eids), there are usually fairs set up in the park and other open areas, where the kids ride 4-wheelers and slide down big slides, and we pet camels and eat junk.

Father afield, in April we took a day-trip during spring break and went snorkeling for the first time in this country, in the Emirate of Fujayrah [<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ae.html>]. (We forgot to take our camera.) Diane saw a (harmless) shark and Jeff and Diane both saw a sea turtle, along with lots of cool invertebrates and fishes. Also during spring break, we spent a day at a waterpark (photos below).

Translation Work ~

Our purpose statement says this: We live cross-culturally to offer a semi-nomadic Asian Muslim tribe the option to know God by following Jesus. We work alongside some of their own people who are also followers of Jesus. For centuries these people have had only one option when it comes to belief. Well, it appears that quite a number of families who see the positive changes in the lives of family and neighbors who have chosen this option, are themselves choosing to know God by following Jesus.

One important aspect of offering this people the opportunity to know God by following His Son is to give them an opportunity to have God's Word, the Bible, **IN THEIR VERY OWN LANGUAGE**, and translated from the original in a way that makes sense to this people group, with their particular world view. We are helping those "Angus" who are directly working on the translation, with financial, prayer, and other support. The translation of the first book, the Gospel of Luke, is finished and ready for checking.



... in an "Angus" village



Daniel & Alyssa at the waterpark



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