



A 100 Year Plan!

No, I'm not thinking of spending 100 years translating the Bible into Toba! But it's this: if Allen Gardiner's vision for the Tobas began to be fulfilled in 1930, when Alfred Leake and Alec Sanderson became the first missionaries to the Tobas, then couldn't we provide the Tobas with the complete Bible by 2030? It's not an impossible task! (Just very difficult.)

Where we're up to now:

- (1) **First draft translation:** the Minor Prophets are complete, and Hilario has moved on to Job (see "What's next" below). The team have decided to let Hilario do the first translation, with José and Osvaldo helping when needed and then revising the work before it's passed on to Michael. **Some good news:** Hilario now has a computer! But he still doesn't know how to send emails, so some training is required next time Michael visits (hopefully early June).
- (2) **Checking:** On Michael's recent visit to Juárez, we had a second look through Malachi, and moved on to Hosea. Just Zechariah left after that.

Please pray for continued good progress as we draw close to finishing the Minor Prophets.



*Alberto,
with Toba NT*

What's next:

- (1) **July-December 2013:** We believe the Lord wants us to finish the Western Toba Bible, and we plan to continue with Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, and some of Psalms (although Hilario is keen to do Proverbs). *Please pray for good progress, and for Michael to be able to make regular visits.*
- (2) **Electronic versions:** The Argentine Bible Society has made the Toba New Testament available for phones, tablets and computers via the **YouVersion** software (if you look for it, it's under the Pilagá language and is called NT Toba Sombrero Negro). Michael is now looking at the possibilities for putting it in **theWord** and **MySword**.
- (3) **Toba dictionary:** With high priority again being given to the translation work, the dictionary has been put on the shelf (literally) for the time being. But Michael will continue to update it when he has time available.



Please pray for us as we set out on this new stage of the journey with the Tobas.

Michael with Hilario

Main road into Juárez



Budget 2013: For the first half of this year we are nearly up to the budget proposal (see page 2). However, the one-off costs are not yet covered. The budget proposal for **July to December** will have the same monthly costs, and additionally we hope to be able to cover a trip to England either in July or after Christmas. *Please pray this through!*

Family: Please continue to pray for good health, and for God's protection at all times. Give thanks that Michael's diabetes continues under control, with diet, exercise and occasional medication. Please continue to pray for Silvia, exhausted from caring for her mum who is very frail now - give thanks for help from social services, providing a visitor two mornings a week.



Argentina: Please continue to pray for president Cristina Kirchner (left) and her government, for effective policies to produce economic growth, reduce unemployment, and to counter crime, corruption and inflation.

*Many thanks for all your support in prayer! God bless you! With love in Jesus!
Michael, Silvia, Kevin and Christopher*

Anti-government protests in Buenos Aires, Dec 2012

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ITEM	cost per month	one-off costs
Monthly costs:		
Monthly allowance (equivalent to missionary stipend)	£1,980.00	
Bus travel Salta-Juárez	£80.00	
Pension payments	£250.00	
Payments to Toba translators and helpers	£500.00	
Paper, pens, inkjet cartridges	£50.00	
TOTAL MONTHLY COSTS:	£2,860.00	
One-off costs:		
Holiday pay		£1,980.00
Laptop computer		£500.00
TOTAL ONE-OFF COSTS:		£2,480.00
TOTAL MONTHLY COSTS x 6 months:	£17,160.00	
TOTAL OVERALL COSTS (6 months Jan-Jun 2013)		£19,640.00

Additional funding for proposed visit to England, July 2013:

Return flights to UK	£8,000.00
Monthly allowance for time in England (July 2013)	£2,500.00
TOTAL COSTS VISIT TO ENGLAND	£10,500.00

Additional funding from Argentine Bible Society:

Printing of Toba books: (approximate cost)	
Minor Prophets (5000 copies)	£5,000.00
Literacy materials (3000 copies)	£600.00
Service and Prayer books (1000 copies)	£2,000.00
TOTAL PRINTING COSTS	£7,600.00

SUMMARY OF FUNDS RECEIVED Jan - May 2013:

TOTAL BUDGETED COSTS January - June 2013	£19,640.00
TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED Jan - May 2013	£13,136.45
BALANCE OUTSTANDING at 28-05-2013	£6,503.55

Your response:



Please consider making a donation to help support the ongoing work with the Tobas. No matter how small, your gift will be very gratefully received. Please ask the Lord how you can help!

You don't need to tell us of your decision: this is between you and the Lord.

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Please send cheques to: **CMS, Watlington Road, Oxford OX4 6BZ.**

(Please specify "Support for Michael and Silvia Browne" and quote our account n^o: **P.AR 017.**)

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