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News from Peter Kirk, August 2009

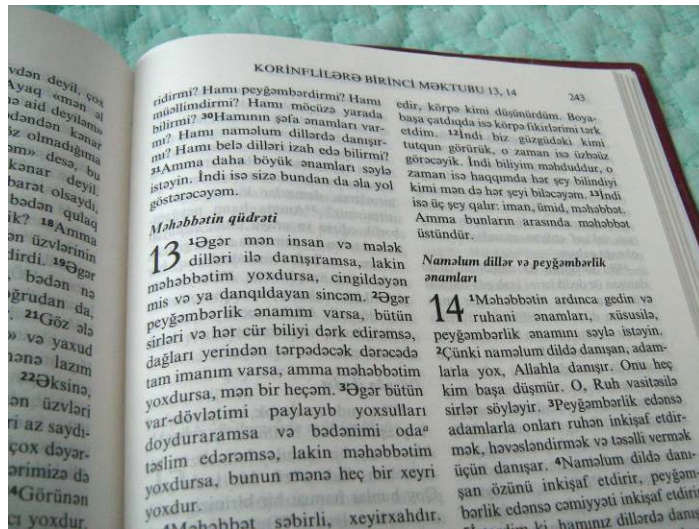
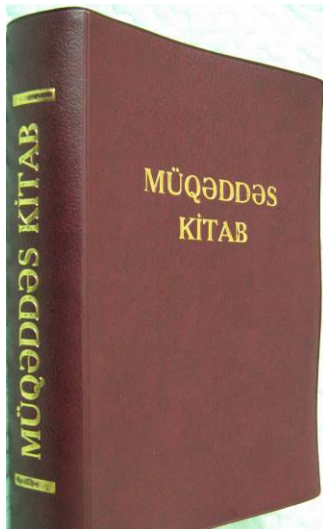
Dear Friends,

I am sorry that again it is more than a year since I wrote to you all. For a time I had little to report. But now I have two pieces of good news to tell you all.

My first and greatest piece of news is that I am engaged to be married! Lorenza is from Florence, Italy, and came to England to train as a teacher of classical ballet. We met at my church last September. We were engaged in May, and are now busy planning our wedding. This will be on Saturday 24th October at 11.00 am, at St Mary's Church, Great Baddow. The service is open to all. If any of you would like to come from a distance, please let us know and we will invite you also to the evening reception.



The second wonderful news item is that in June, at long last, the full Bible became available in the Azerbaijani language, for the first time ever as a single book. This is the culmination of nearly 15 years' work by the team of which I was a part. The pictures below are of the book and of the text of 1 Corinthians 13, courtesy of my Korean colleague. This Bible will be formally presented to the people of Azerbaijan in late September. Sadly I probably cannot be at the ceremony. But the book is already on sale; indeed I have seen a report that it is "selling like lavash (bread) and pendir (cheese)" and has already almost sold out – a reprint is planned. Please pray that people will not only buy the Bible but also read and understand it, and allow it to change their lives.



I have not personally been working on Bible translation since my part in the project ended more than a year ago. For much of that time I have been a student at the Discipleship Training School run by my church. There is still plenty of work to be done on translating the Bible for people all over the world who can read it, if at all, only in a second language which they have had to learn. But I have decided that at least for now it is not for me to continue with that work. Also I need to support my bride, who is still studying. So I am currently looking for a paid job, probably in some kind of Christian work. Please pray that I find something suitable, in the right place and at the right time.

Thank you for your continuing support, and best wishes to you all,

Peter Kirk and Lorenza

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