PERSPECTIVE

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I try very hard to think about the wider world and not just concentrate on my own concerns and here I am, in a gathering of Christians from lots of countries all drawn together to talk about Bible translation across West Africa. But, for me, it's very hard to think on such a large scale. My whole world is concentrated on one molar on the upper right side of my mouth. I lost a filling in Congo a couple of weeks ago, there was no pain, but I thought I'd better get it looked at. When the dentist saw it, he made lots of serious sympathetic noises (in French - we have a French dentist in Southampton) and told me that it would need a lot of work. That's when it started hurting (both my jaw and my wallet). To cut a long story short, the dentist decided that he'd try and patch the tooth up rather than do a root canal filling. He did the filling on Wednesday and every thing was fine; but as of last night, it's started to hurt all over again. It could be a long week away from home.