

# The Wienecke Wire

## It's Not Just Thanksgiving – It's Thanking God

Everything we have is a gift of God: His redemption of us, His provision for us, His grace to us, and His care of us. It is so appropriate that Thanksgiving, the national holiday dedicated to thanking God for His temporal

blessings, precedes and prepares us for Christmas, the national holiday that was instituted to celebrate and thank God for His ultimate Gift.



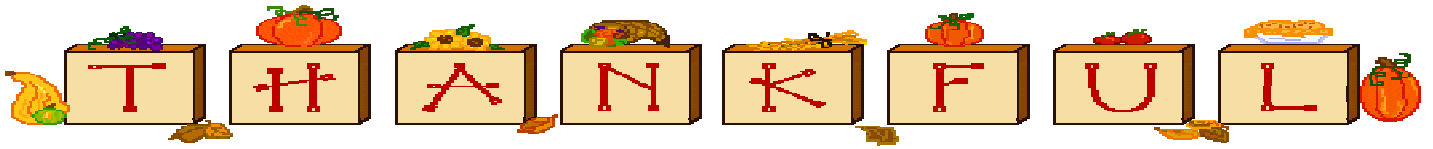
With this background, we thought it appropriate during this time of Thanksgiving to [1] give YOU the gift of Wienecke Wire brevity in this busy season, and

[2] briefly list a few of the many reasons we have to thank our God. You'll find our list both praiseworthy and newsworthy. Rejoice with us!

- 611 languages have received Bibles or New Testaments produced with Wycliffe involvement since it was founded. This represents over 76 million people reached by the Word. **Thank you, God!**
- Over 45 Information Technology (IT) professionals became new full-time Wycliffe members during the last year. **Thank you, God!**
- The rate at which new NT translation projects are being started is increasing: in 1986 there were 40 new projects; in 1991, 47; in 2000, 52; in 2003, 61 and in 2004, 82. **Thank you, God!**
- A dear friend and former colleague from Burkina Faso showed our last *Wienecke Wire* to her church. Soon thereafter, we received word that the church wanted to partner with us, specifically to offset higher health insurance premiums that went into effect in October 2005. **Thank you, God!**
- Christopher and Charissa continue to do well in home school with Katy as their teacher. Katy feels unqualified for this big job, but God is meeting her when the going gets tough. **Thank you, God!**
- If you are not a fan of classical choral music, you might not appreciate how much of a blessing it is for me (Ken) to be able to sing with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra and 140 other chorus members. The biggest blessing is the music itself – we just presented the *Requiem* by Giuseppe Verdi. With a few exceptions, most of our repertoire is quite explicit in honoring the Lord. **Thank you, God!**
- Christopher was offered free piano lessons by a member of the symphony chorus. He has been quite eager to learn and is both practicing without resistance and exceeding his teacher's expectations. **Thank you, God!**
- Our car has surpassed 168,000 miles and is holding up pretty well. We even had the cash in hand when a recent major service expenditure was double our expectation. **Thank you, God!**
- We have been asked to consider leading a team of students on a vision trip to Burkina Faso in July 2006. Many factors would have to line up to enable this trip back "home," but we're praying about the possibility. **Thank you, God!**
- The last two *Wienecke Wires* have talked about the need for the IT World of Wycliffe website to go live (become accessible without logging in). There have been many delays and discussions, but there is now new eagerness across the organization to see this happen. **Thank you, God!**
- Since our last letter, my department gained the part-time services of administrative assistant Sharon Terjung. This position has been open and awaiting her for over a year. **Thank you, God!**
- We praised the Lord in September for the arrival of Caryl Mallory, a critically-needed coworker in the IT Recruitment area. She has been quite sick over the last week and was in the hospital for a few days. She is now home and beginning to feel better. **Thank you, God!**

### *Thank YOU, Friends*

Many of you have asked to get the *Wienecke Wire* by e-mail. There are still over 300 names on our snail-mail list. If you want to join those who don't need paper, just drop a note to [katy.wienecke@sil.org](mailto:katy.wienecke@sil.org) with the e-mail address you want us to use. **Thanks!**



- You read about the new Professional Skills Inventory (PSI) system in our last letter. It is a major Internet-based recruiting and placement tool which we have needed for years. Development has now advanced to the point where user testing has begun, and the results indicate that some major issues need to be resolved. How good to have the opportunity to deal with them *before* they become problems for hundreds of users! **Thank you, God!**
- All of us are celebrating the complete break from office work that I (Ken) have just begun. It's the first *real* vacation we've taken since...well, let's not go there. I'll be doing family things only (a short family-fun trip, a marriage-builder getaway, working on family projects at home, special kid-time, etc) for long enough to completely forget work. I'll be back in the saddle on December 12. **Thank you, God!**
- The church we attend here has begun an aggressive community outreach, and this is drawing us into direct ministry in a different kind of mission field. Since our normal ministry is wholly focused on helping existing Christians get involved in making a difference "over there," it is good to have more opportunities to have a direct part in what God is doing right here. **Thank you, God!**

- From Christopher and Charissa: "We are thankful to God for Mom and Dad, our friends [playmates], our guinea pigs, and that Grammy is with Jesus [a dear saint who went to be with God a few days ago, just weeks after her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday]."



By the way, Charissa also thanks God for ice cream!

Serving together with you,

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