

Challenging Times

Much has gone on in the world and my life since my newsletter the end of February. The war and SARS has kept the media in full swing.

My world has involved some struggles too. The day after I returned from Training Camp, I became ill and ended up staying three days in the hospital. I praise and thank God that I didn't get sick while in Florida or on the plane coming home! After some recuperation, I returned to work.

Six days later, I again ended up in the hospital this time for seven days. Interestingly, both times it was right before I had set up numerous speaking engagements to share my Wycliffe ministry.

I returned to my normal part time work hours in April. My illness involved some medical conditions I have, that hadn't bothered me at all in quite some time. Please pray for my health, so I can do the work God has called me to do.

*Thank you for
Praying*

I send it (My Word) out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it."

- Isaiah 55:11



At Wycliffe's Mobilization Center in February

Assignment Considerations

There are two directions that I am praying about as to my assignment within Wycliffe. In past newsletters I have mentioned being based out of JAARS in Waxhaw, North Carolina. Another possibility has emerged that would involve me being at the International Linguistics Center in Dallas, Texas. Here is a synopsis of the two positions.

As an IT Training Project Manager at JAARS, my skills could be used to manage the development of software training programs that will enable translators to work more efficiently. The goal is to provide the training, anywhere, at any time, in any place.

International Publishing facilitates and enhances language work through publishing coordination, services, support and development.

As an Administrator, I could assist in the creation of materials, training and goodwill among the internal and external partners.

Please pray with me for God's discernment where He wants me to serve Him. Thanks!

Speaking Engagements

In March I met with a church's missions committee and in April I have spoken in four small home groups. In May, I hope to speak in one small group at least, a church's youth group and in my own church's three services.

When I speak, I try to help people gain a better understanding of Wycliffe, Bible translation and support services. I am available to present programs at any of your church or organization functions, or with your friends in your home. Please contact me to discuss the possibilities.

To know God's will is life's greatest treasure.

To do God's will is life's greatest pleasure.

- Anonymous

Up-Coming Training

August is the next projected time for me to attend training. International Cultural Communications, Spiritual Discipleship, Introduction to Wycliffe/SIL Management and Partnership Development are the courses I need to take.

Of course this depends upon the level of partnership I am at by that time. Please pray that God will raise up the partners I need, to begin training and my ministry.

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Partnership - What is it?

Some are called to go on the mission field and others are to partner in sending the person. Both roles are essential. It's only as we work together that we will be able to do what God has called us to do. Together we share in the eternal results of lives changed by the living Word of God.

No Wycliffe Missionary whether at home or overseas receives a guaranteed salary. Each depends upon God to provide the funds for living costs and work expenses. God provides through His people who choose to become partners in the task of supporting Bible translation.

Prayer Partners are those who commit themselves to pray regularly on a personal level for me and my needs and ministry.

Financial Partners are those who commit themselves to invest financially with me so that together we minister to people. No gift is too large or too small to give. If everyone on my mailing list gave a small monthly gift (or larger if they are able) I would have the funds to begin my ministry.

Some send checks monthly, some quarterly, and others once a year. These gifts are counted toward the monthly amount I need for reaching 100% partnership. Others give occasionally and these funds help cover extra expenses and equipment.

Advocates provide an opportunity for me to share about my ministry where others may come to partner with me. An advocate could share about my work with their friends or it could mean helping me to get an invitation to share in their church, Sunday school, Bible Study, or just in their home.

Interested Friends give encouragement and moral support through letters, cards, notes, and phone calls.

Would you prayerfully consider what part you may have in my ministry of supporting Bible Translation?