

# THE BOGLE BUGLE

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for our Partners in Bible Translation

Greetings in Christ! We enjoyed seeing many of you on our recent Partnership Development (or PD, as we call it) trip to the Midwest. PD is more than just fund-raising. It's our on-going conversation with our friends and family to invite you into a real ministry partnership. While we strongly believe in the value of doing this, it's not always easy. Whether in person or in letters, sometimes we aren't sure what to tell you. Writing computer software isn't the most glamorous job in the world of missions. But this month our job is a little easier because someone else is telling the story for us. So if you've ever wondered — as we sometimes do — if it's worth all your sacrifice to keep us on the job, here's what our colleague, Jeff J. (in Asia) had to say recently:

Let me say how **incredibly** impressed I am with what your teams have done in the past 9 months. We asked last January if TE [[Translation Editor](#)] was worth continuing to develop and whether your teams could even "fix" it. No one's asking those questions anymore. Your folks have shown what they can do.

The fact that you did everything with a team that is significantly smaller than most companies would have used for testing alone, just shows even more what a tremendously talented group of folks you have.

Unfortunately, having seen that you can, in fact, do the impossible, we're likely to load you with more and more requirements. ("If you managed to do 3 years worth of development work in 9 months, then adding these 27 other requirements before Friday shouldn't be a problem, right?")

So before that happens, and before we get into long discussions on everything that TE and FLEx do not yet do, let me say here how impressed I am with everything they DO do. Please let your teams know translators all over the world are grateful for the tools you all are producing to speed and improve Bible Translation.

In spite of what seems to me to be an overwhelming lack of resources, manpower, time, etc., your little teams continue to turn out these incredible products which are being used daily all over the world to get God's Word into people's hands. So please consider this "Well Done!" a very small foretaste of what Jesus will have to say to you all when he welcomes us one day into his kingdom.



The Translation Editor development and management team

## QUICK TAKES

Our friend Viji is coming from India this spring April 22-June 8. We're working on his itinerary with him, so if your church would like him to share his ministry, please contact us.

Joylily is planning to go to Honduras on a mission trip with the [JAARS youth group](#) this summer. Many of you will be hearing from her soon about that.

## Will Starve for Food

Every day 26,000 people die from hunger. On February 27-28, our youth group is going to do something about it. We're going to be part of [World Vision's 30-Hour Famine](#). This is a 30-hour fast to foster compassion for the millions of kids who go to bed hungry every night.

This is not directly connected with our ministry with Wycliffe, but we know that any time we put ourselves in a place where God can stretch us in new ways and teach us something, it's going to benefit every aspect of our ministry and our walk with Him.

If you want to join our teens by donating to help take a bite out of hunger, you can send us a check, made out to World Vision. Or just visit our church website's youth page: [www.cefcmonroe.org/ministries/youth](http://www.cefcmonroe.org/ministries/youth), where you can choose to donate on-line to any of the participants.

If we raise \$3600, the youth are going to get to shave Tom's head or dye his hair!



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