

# ◊ The “Scoop” on the Scotts ◊

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## Wycliffe's New Facilities

During the week of March 18, the Wycliffe staff moved to our new offices in Orlando. I want to report how we saw the Lord work during this move. He has given us beautiful new offices which will enable us to step up recruiting work and to give better support to missionaries working in Bible translation worldwide.

We really felt the Lord's protection and blessing as we went through the move. We did not hire a moving company, but rather used Wycliffe's JAARS moving service and our own staff to move our entire office. Some examples of the Lord's Hand are:



Above: Some of the first equipment is set up in the new computer room.  
Below: The finished product: a functioning computer room!



➤ There were no injuries during the move, despite the fact that about 400 people participated in the work, including staff from other US centers and volunteers.

➤ By Friday the 22nd, most people were working in their new office, catching up on their e-mail and other computer work. Our critical e-mail delivery systems were only down for 24 hours, and over 300 PCs were packed, moved, and reconnected in just 2 days.

➤ We had a wonderful turnout of people with the right skills to help in all aspects of the move. Some of these were planned and others just happened through the Lord's providence.

We had no failures of our network equipment during the move. Problems are always expected, because the servers (computers which hold all our data) are never turned off under normal circumstances. We moved a whole room full of servers and every single one booted up successfully after the move!



The old computer room is dis-assembled, packed, and loaded onto a semi.

➤ Our new network cabling and switching hardware has worked successfully from the first day we hooked it up. Due to the construction schedule, I really couldn't do a good test of our network until just days before the move, and even then I did not know if it really would work well until hundreds of computers were hooked up. *Praise the Lord!* It has worked flawlessly as designed, and it has plenty of capacity for future growth.

This move took many months of planning, research, meetings, and work even before the move. The Lord deserves all the glory for His blessing in making this relocation successful!

## *Krista's Report on our Family's Summer*

We so appreciate your interest in our newsletters and the comments that you send our way. One that we often hear is “tell us more about the family”. So here is an update on the children and me (Krista).

During **March**, our public schools have their spring break here in Florida. Because the Wycliffe office move was scheduled during the kid's break (the only week that would not interrupt accounting work), we were not able to do anything as a family, so the children and I decided to take a one-day road trip to the east coast. Our mission – to find Cape Canaveral, and the beach. I have to admit the children were not real thrilled with mom's idea of a road trip; but I persevered. We found the main road that runs parallel to the coast and it led us to the state preserve of ponds, bogs, natural wildlife and fishing. We checked out the visitor's center and it sparked a bit of interest from my children, especially the dead and stuffed wildlife. The swarm of yellow jackets outside didn't go over too well.

We continued our trip and found the lift-off station for the NASA space shuttles, which we could only view from a distance, but I did happen to hear from Nick, “cool”. Directions from the visitor center guide led us through waterways to the manatees' observation deck. We had arrived at the perfect time to find about 30 very large and smelly manatees playing and enjoying the 98-degree weather. They are such unique creatures. At an average of 700 pounds each, they rolled, snorted, dove for fish and put on quite a show for those of us watching. I believe the children were actually interested and enjoyed this short event. Next we found our way to the beach, which was beautiful and very clean. Because I forgot the beach umbrella, we ate our lunch in the air-conditioned car and then we just spent time walking the sand and running in the water. Ahh, the children greatly enjoyed this and my trip was successful. After a bit of time at the beach we headed home. I only found myself lost once, this time. Often, when others hear that we live in Orlando, their first comment is, “Oh, you live at Disney Land.” No we don't. We look for the quieter and the least expensive things here.

The best part of our road trip was the drive home and the conversation that the kids and I had. At ages 11 and 9, their questions are becoming deeper and they are

beginning to question our beliefs and why we moved from our families to “become missionaries”. They wanted to know what “faith” was and “why is being a Christian so important”. Just because they are growing up in a Christian home, doesn't mean that the answers to their questions are always evident. They want and need to know precisely the “why's” and “how's” and that's my job and Hank's as well. This time with Nick and Amanda is priceless. I believe that God sent us on that road trip just so we could talk about those deep questions that they had. What a great opportunity!

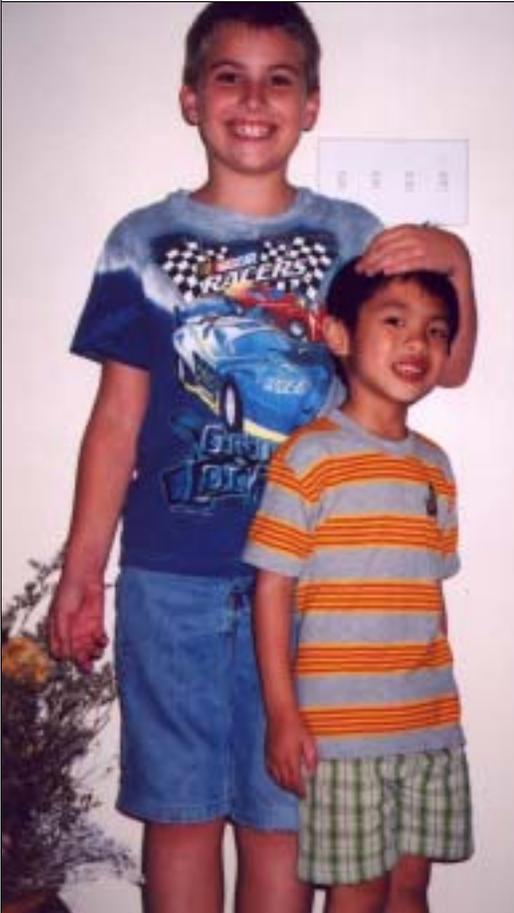
**April** brought us the celebration of Easter, and with it a visit from my sister, Kim, and her family. The kids had a great time together and we enjoyed their visit. We see someone from our families nearly every 6 months. I never would have thought that possible when we said, “yes” to missions.



**May** brought the end of the school year. Amanda finished 5<sup>th</sup> grade with a grand pizza party and graduation. Nicholas finished 3<sup>rd</sup> grade with a celebration day in which they could bring their gameboys to school. He woke those last two mornings and prepared for school like never before. He was so excited because he and his buddies, all with gameboys, were going to swap games and play the day away. Both of our children finished the entire school year with all A's and B's. We are very proud of each of them. During this month, we made a new friend. His name is Nathaniel and he is five years old. His parents serve in an East Asia country as Wycliffe missionaries. While they spent time at the Wycliffe headquarters, Nathaniel spent time with us. All three children played

well together — especially Nick and Nathaniel. What a joy he was, and now we have new and very dear friends in the East Asia area. God is certainly expanding our horizons.

We had planned to spend **June** in Florida, but shortly after the closing of school, we received a telephone call from very dear relatives in Michigan. They said they would pay for our airline tickets if we wanted to fly home for a visit. So, on June 10<sup>th</sup>, the kids and I boarded a Northwest airplane bound for Detroit, MI. After a short layover and a 16-minute flight to Toledo, Ohio, we began our 2-½ week visit with friends and relatives. Where was Hank,

*Krista's summer report, contd.*

Nick and his friend, Nathaniel.

you ask? Due to his workload and receiving a college intern during that period, he decided not to take the trip with us and to save his vacation time for December when we plan to drive home and spend Christmas with the family.

The kids and I had a great time and we returned home to Florida on June 26<sup>th</sup> with very mixed emotions. Although we very much missed our families, we just as much missed Hank and our cat, Gizmo, so we were eager to arrive home. An unexpected blessing was when my aunt called me a few days before we were to leave Michigan and said that she would like to travel to Florida with us for a short visit. I warned her of the possibility that she may not get a flight on that short of notice, but the Lord did His work and helped me to find a seat on the same flight as ours and at an unbelievable price. Only He could have done that! We had an additional six days with my Aunt Debbie in Orlando and hope that she will return again.

The first week of **July** found us trying to regroup as a family again after being away for 2-½ weeks. Just in that short amount of time, Hank made new routines for he and Gizmo, so I had my job cut out to try and remedy that! July 4<sup>th</sup> found us just staying home as a family and enjoying the fireworks around the sub-division. Now we are preparing for school, as their first day to return is August 12. When I was younger, the summer months seemed so long. Now that I am older, the summer months are but a wink in time.

I am so enjoying my children. We have begun to have our devotions together each morning. Each evening we pray and ask God to help us to desire the time with Him each day. It is often a struggle. "Life" so easily gets in the way, but I find that this is my greatest opportunity to teach my children about the God I serve.

This next school year will find Nick at an elementary school to the north of our home and Amanda at a Middle school to the south, both with different buses and school times. This will be a new season of life for me as a mom. I have been working less in the offices of Wycliffe due to a number of reasons, but mainly because our children come first. Working less has been a personal struggle for me because I feel that I need to fulfill my missionary commitment, but am realizing that my commitment as a mother and wife is of most importance. Oh, I have so much to learn. To keep involved at the office and abreast of what is happening, the 3 of us try to visit every other week. The Wycliffe missionaries who serve here are our "adopted family" for us while we are away from our Michigan families. The children are adapting so much better, but we (all four) have times of deep longing to be with our friends and families in Michigan.

As a teen, I never dreamt that God would lead me into missions, and now that we have moved away and are serving Him in that capacity, I never would have known that He would allow us to see our families as often as we do. He is such a great Father, always taking care of us and blessing us when we least expect it. I love what I am doing. I love being a wife, a mother, and a servant of God. For me, there is no better place! For those of you who are reading these words from my heart, may He richly bless you this day.



Nick on crutches - see story, back page.

## New Networking Projects

This summer, Hank has a college intern, Aaron Davis, from Cedarville University of Ohio, helping with work at the office. This is in addition to Hank's assistant, Jeff, and our e-mail administrator, Peter. (See photo below) Our entire MIS (computer) department has about 20 people working in it now, and is continuing to grow.

We are getting caught up on some of our projects this summer, which had been on hold before the big move. We recently updated our project list and we have over 40 projects! Some are short one-or-two-day things, and others require major work spanning months. We're working on about a dozen projects right now.

Some projects of interest are:

➤ Provide secure **wireless network** access for management and for the Wycliffe apartments. This will also set the standard for our JAARS / SIL organizations in North Carolina and Dallas, TX.

➤ Install **new tape backup** software and hardware.

➤ **Learn HP Unix** to support the new Enterprise Architecture (EA) project currently in development, and ensure that our Internet systems are as secure as possible. This is a large project in which Peter and I are just a small part of a larger team. We will be heavily involved in this during the next year or two, and I'll describe it in more detail in future letters.

➤ Upgrade **virus protection software** for Orlando office of 300, plus six regional offices across the US.

➤ Implement a **secure network** for the Wordspring Discovery Center (the new Wycliffe visitor center) nearing construction completion.

Each of these projects brings it's own challenges and opportunities to learn. But most importantly, I know that this technology will help our missionaries work efficiently and productively as we serve the Lord together!



The "Systems Team" from left: Peter Reilly, Aaron Davis, Jeff Daniels, and Hank.

*Note — For more pictures on the Internet of the Wycliffe construction project and the move, see <http://www.wycliffe.org/orlando>.*

## Nick loses part of a toe!

On April 16, Nick went under the surgeon's knife. We had discovered a bone growth on his big toe which was causing increasing pain as it grew larger. The surgeon removed the part of the bone causing the problem. It was tested for cancer and other things and found to be clear.

Then Nick began a rather long road to recovery. He was out of school for about 2 weeks, and was on crutches for a whole month (*see picture, page 3.*) Next, he had a second surgery - this time laser surgery, to correct a problem with the healing, and then another week on the crutches.

Finally after another month he was back to normal, and now he can run and ride his bike again. He still has a bit more healing to go, so pray for that.

We have three thousand dollars of hospital expenses to pay for which were not covered by our insurance. To help keep our health care costs low, we have a \$2,000 deductible, and then only 50% coverage up to a high cap amount. So when an expensive hospitalization occurs, such as this surgery, our faith is really put to the test. Pray that the Lord would meet our financial needs in this matter.

We're thankful for the excellent surgeons in the Orlando area, which diagnosed and fixed this problem. We're also pleased with Nick's maturity throughout this event.

### Prayer Requests

- ◆ Pray for the Lord's provision of our financial needs from Nick's surgery, and for his full recovery.
- ◆ Pray for our family to be able to maintain consistent Bible study time during the new school year.
- ◆ As Amanda enters middle school, pray that she would have a smooth adjustment.

### Praises

- ◆ Thank the Lord for making the move to the new Wycliffe offices successful!
- ◆ We are thankful for a friend's donation of a new home computer.

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