

◆ The “Scoop” on the Scotts ◆

Looking Back

The Scott Family Annual Report

For The Year 2001



Hank, Nick, Krista, and Amanda — Showing their various talents

A year...

364 days...



It seems like a long time, but when we look back, it seems to pass so quickly. What do we do with our time? What have we accomplished?

In this report, Krista and I have attempted to highlight the things of significance that the Lord allowed us to accomplish during 2001. We have written about our ministry with Wycliffe, about Wycliffe's work in Bible translation, and about our life as a family.

There's a lot of information here. For some, it will all be of interest, and for others only part of it will be of value. We hope you will find the answers here to any questions you might have about our ministry. It's not our intent to focus on all the work we've done. Rather we want to give God the glory for what He's doing through ordinary people, both us and our fellow workers in Wycliffe.

We are really blessed to have your friendship and partnership as we serve the Lord in this capacity. If you wish to contact us for any reason, our address, phone number, and e-mail addresses are listed on the back page.

Our Work In the Office

One of the major things Hank worked on throughout 2001 was the planning and oversight of the network installation at Wycliffe's new offices in Orlando. This took a large chunk of his time, and while Hank didn't have previous experience at this, he thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and opportunity to be involved with it. Another highlight during the year was the Wycliffe USA conference in June. Both Hank and Krista spent countless hours preparing for these meetings, working behind the scenes to make sure 150 people from around the world would have the computer access and handbooks they would need during the meetings. Again this was something that we had not done before, and along the way we learned a great deal about Wycliffe and the work of Bible Translation. Best of all, we were able to use our technical skills to directly help make the work of fellow missionaries easier by equipping them with the tools and information they needed. Hank spent the rest of his time maintaining and upgrading Wycliffe's computer networks in Orlando and our six US regional offices, so they would work in a reliable, cost-effective manner.

Below: Construction project stages: April 2001 — February 2002. Left: Front of building; Right: Rear of building.



Ramping Up

Vision 2025 is a vision to see Bible translation in progress in every language group that needs it by the year 2025. Wycliffe is completing the second year of this initiative, and we have already seen the Lord doing wonderful things. We are beginning to ramp up to achieve this goal. Actually we're *building* the ramp – the Wycliffe Mobilization Center in Orlando, shown above. In 2001, we have seen this building come out of the ground, and it's been amazing to watch the

Ramping Up, Cont'd.

progress. Today, 90+ percent of the funds needed for the Mobilization Center have been committed, and Wycliffe is looking to the Lord and praying for the remaining funds. All donations for this project have been given specifically for this purpose. No money directed to the support of missionaries or field programs was used for this building project. In fact even with this huge construction project, total giving to our missionaries and field projects has surpassed last year's amount by more than 10%.

Staffing Up

We will need 1,000 more translators and many, many other missionaries to tackle Vision 2025, and the new Mobilization Center facilities will give us the space needed to manage these additional people. This year the Lord has increased our staff at the US headquarters and we have many more vacancies open. These people are filling critical roles now that are needed to recruit, train, mobilize, and support missionaries around the world. We are seeing the Lord working in the lives of Christians of all ages and backgrounds to bring them to involvement in His work. For more information on the Internet about Wycliffe staffing needs, see our web site, <http://www.wycliffe.org/go>.

Wycliffe's goal is not to build buildings or to recruit missionaries. These things are just necessary to accomplish our goal: *To assist the Church in making disciples of all nations!*

Wycliffe around the world

During 2001, Wycliffe completed 29 translations, bringing the world-wide figures up to 1399 translations completed (385 entire Bible, 1014 New Testament). We also participated in translating the Jesus film into 41 more languages. Currently we have over 1100 Bible translation projects under way in languages spoken by 130 million people. And yet there are still about 3000 more languages awaiting translation. This is the whole reason we are taking on Vision 2025. These people – over 250 million of them, have waited long enough. At our present rate of translation, it would take over 100 more years to begin translation in all of these language groups.

This is why we are stepping up the pace and committing to Vision 2025. It's not just "Wycliffe's vision" and clearly it's too big for Wycliffe to do alone! Vision 2025 is a vision for all God's Church. Our task is at hand and by God's grace, we are doing everything possible to achieve it.



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Our Work At Home

We provided housing for 45 people during 2001. Some stayed as long as five weeks while others were with us for just one night, but most of our guests stayed about a week. We got to know missionaries who were serving in other countries like Great Britain and Ethiopia. Some were missionaries coming to serve in Orlando, some were volunteers, and others were our families and friends.



Our relationship with our neighbors has grown deeper this year, and the Lord gave us opportunities to minister in people's lives. Two couples were having marital problems, and another friend had a heart attack and needed help with yard work during the first two months of his recovery. A lady across the street died suddenly. She had previously accepted Christ through the witness of Krista and another missionary friend! At church, Krista is involved with a women's Bible study group. Hank led a six-week men's Bible study and he also works in the AWANA program. So the Lord is using us in various ways to serve Him by helping others.

Time as a Family

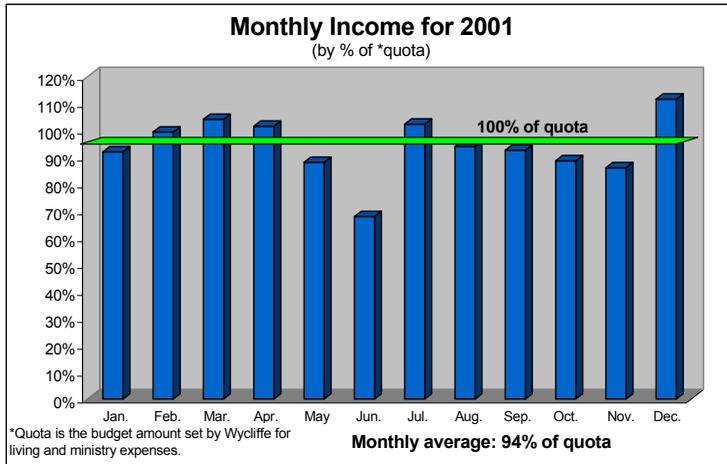


While Krista and I know that God has called us to our ministry with Wycliffe here, we also know our first priority is to our children. We are very proud of the character that we see forming in Nick and Amanda. They have both adjusted well to life in Florida, and the Lord is molding and stretching them to make them strong. They have many friends now at school and in the neighborhood, and their friendship with these kids is an important outreach in our ministry, since we get to know their friends' parents.

We have had some challenges this year – more school homework than ever, a demanding family schedule, the death of Hank's grandfather, saying hello and goodbye to loved ones who visit, and traveling to Michigan to speak in 10 churches over 4 weeks. All of these things have an impact on our kids, and it's our responsibility to make that a positive impact in their lives. Living in Florida does have its advantages as well, like beautiful beaches and great theme parks. We were blessed this year with free annual family passes to Sea World, and a one day visit to Disney's Magic Kingdom. We also took time to do some fun low cost things like seeing the space shuttle blast off.

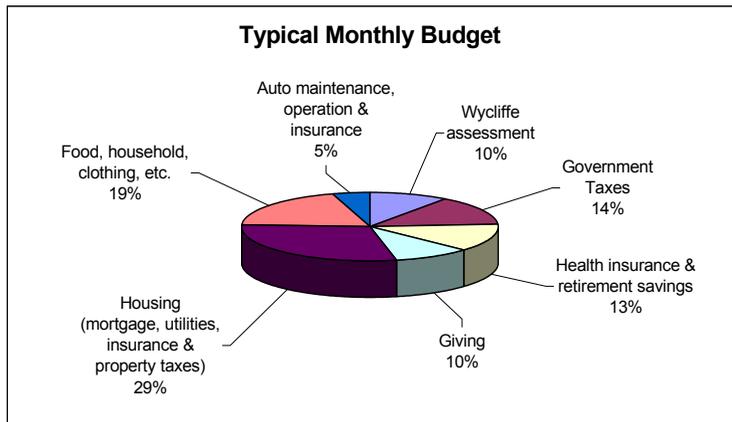
God's Provision

Faithfulness is a word that you won't see very often these days. But as we look back over the past year we have to use that word to describe what we see. We see the faithfulness of God in supplying what we need through a team of financial partners. We see faithfulness expressed as each month many of you give sacrificially to keep us going. What a privilege to be a witness to this work!



One note about the Monthly Income graph – We had a special donation from a friend this year to go toward the cost of braces for Amanda. I did not include that figure in the graph since it was a large one-time gift and I don't consider this special expense as a part of our normal living expenses. We received a number of other one-time gifts (for example, extra donations for Christmas) and those are all included in our graph.

We have included the Typical Monthly Budget graph to show what percentages of our income go where. Many people are surprised to see that even as missionaries, we have to pay taxes, and other expenses such as health insurance. The 10% Wycliffe assessment is used to meet the administrative needs of the home and field offices, since Wycliffe does not have a general fund to pay for those costs. If you have questions or would like more details, please contact us directly or call the Orlando office. (See the last page for contact information, and ask for Donor Relations when calling the Orlando office.)



You may find it interesting that Wycliffe is a charter member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA), and they were recently ranked the #3 Religious Charity by Smart Money Magazine for how

well they handle money, just behind Samaritans Purse and nearly equal with Focus on the Family. Wycliffe's sister organization, SIL International, was ranked the #1 non-profit Educational Organization for their handling of funds. We mention this so you will know that your donations are handled as efficiently as possible.



Hank and a couple friends pause for a picture at the construction site.

Turning the Corner

We have summarized a lot of information for the 2001 year. What's coming up in 2002? As construction is completed on the Wycliffe Mobilization Center, we will be moving into the new offices this March. Look for our next newsletter, which will include pictures of the move process and the new facility. A formal open house is being planned for this fall as we celebrate what the Lord is doing through His world-wide Church!



Some of the cabling that volunteers have installed in the modular furniture.

For current pictures of the construction progress via the Internet, visit <http://www.wycliffe.org/orlando> and click on [Progress](#). During January, I worked with a team of volunteers to complete the computer and telephone wiring in the building. It's truly exciting to see the building nearing completion. At this point, there are **tons** of small details to attend to, so that the move process and changeover of our computer systems will go smooth.

One project that our computer department has been working on for the last year is the plans for replacing some of our major computer systems at the US headquarters. This project has been named Enterprise Architecture, because it's more than just replacing old systems with new ones. It really involves streamlining how Wycliffe performs its business operations. The computer systems are critical to our mission's operation and involve financial management, payroll, personnel, and donor receipting. The new systems will make information more available to missionaries who need it. One of the driving factors for this is that the old systems are increasingly hard to maintain, as they were designed for our organization over 20 years ago. Many changes have taken place in Wycliffe over the years, and the old computer systems no longer match the way our mission operates. I will be writing more about this in future letters as my role in this project comes into focus.



Progress continues on the computer room.

On the Horizon

As we look toward tomorrow, we anticipate another year of adventure and challenges. Jesus said, “I am come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” We lean daily on Christ to give us the strength and wisdom for handling these challenges, and it’s our desire to do our part in fulfilling His command to “go and make disciples of all nations.”

Thanks for all you do in partnering with us to make that possible!

Looking to the Lord

Please pray with us for the following things during the coming months:

- Good health during the Wycliffe office move. We don’t have time to get sick!
- Opportunities to share the Gospel with our neighbors.
- Provision of additional monthly financial funds to bring us up to our full quota amount.
- Vision 2025 – For God’s stirring in the lives of people He calls to full-time missions, and His work in the heart of the church to send missionaries out.

Significant things to praise the Lord for:

- I now have an assistant at work! I had shared this as a prayer request a few months ago, and at that time there was very little chance of seeing that need filled. But through your prayers and the Lord’s working, I now have a partner to take care of the day-to-day network operations and to help with some of the projects I’m working on!
- We also praise the Lord for filling the gap this year to meet our financial needs, and for one church’s recent commitment to increased support.



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