

# ◊ The “Scoop” on the Scotts ◊

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It's been many months since Krista and I sent out our last official newsletter, and we have a good amount of news to report. The articles below cover some of the computer projects that I've been involved with, and some new ones that are just beginning. On page two of this letter you will find family news, prayer requests, and praises.

## *News from the Wycliffe Office*

### ***Additional Responsibilities*** —

In August, I accepted a supervisory role in the Information Technology (IT) department. This was part of a restructuring in IT to better manage our growing staff. I still maintain the network for Orlando and for Wycliffe's six regional offices across the US. But now I am more focused on the larger projects rather than the daily operations. The *Technical Services* team of IT includes four staff who report to me.

Our group is responsible for managing Wycliffe's US networks and email systems, Internet access, network systems security and anti-virus tools, and the operation of routine processing for our enterprise systems. We work closely with two other teams that make up IT. The *Customer Services* team handles PC support and training, and the *Systems Development* team develops new software and maintains our existing applications.

### ***New Server Installed*** —

The Orlando staff has been using an increasing amount of disk space over the last few years. One project we are working on is to move any important Wycliffe data off of PCs and onto the network, where it will be more secure and better backed up. Of course this requires even more disk space on the network.



At the beginning of February, we replaced one of our older servers with a new one (above) which was *ten times* faster and should have enough disk capacity to handle our growth for the next few years. This is one of our more important servers, because it also supports all of the printing for the Orlando office, and numerous other functions. Praise the Lord! Over a 28-hour weekend my coworker, Jeff, and I successfully completed the install!



### ***Wireless Networking*** —

In our last newsletter, I mentioned this project. We got started on it, but it has not been a very high priority and work has progressed rather slowly. Today I have a prototype wireless network set up for testing and proof of concept. Now we have been officially asked by Wycliffe administration to provide wireless networking in certain parts of our building. Over the next few months we will be setting up the rest of the equipment and implementing a secure configuration. Wireless technology is pretty easy to set up, but making it secure from hacking is much more difficult.

### ***Enterprise Systems*** —

My coworker Peter and I have done a lot of learning over the last year about the Unix and Linux operating systems. Wycliffe's new Enterprise systems will be based on servers running these operating systems and Oracle databases. We are completing the setup of the first phase of servers to meet a March 31 deadline for the first piece of the Enterprise systems. This is a huge multi-year project, and Peter and I are part of a larger team of people including programmers, database experts, and project managers.

### ***Windows 2000***

#### ***Active Directory*** —

We are starting to plan the upgrades of all our Orlando servers to Windows 2000 and Active Directory this year. This will allow us to provide better management of workstations (PCs) and give us better security, flexibility, and other features. Since we have a large network of about 20 servers and 600 users across the US, the up-front planning is critical. I'll write more details on this in a future newsletter.



**Christmas in Michigan —**

This year we took some vacation time to spend the 2002 Christmas and New Year holidays with our families in Michigan. It's been three years since we've been able to celebrate the birth of our Savior with our loved ones. What a blessing! We had a great visit and were able to enjoy the snow. The snow is a lot of fun when you know you only have to shovel it for a couple of weeks and not all winter! We didn't see many of you during our visit because we spent most of the time with our families.



We are considering a visit early this summer to update some of our supporters and churches in Michigan. We have not made any definite plans yet, but if you would specifically like us to come and speak, let us know.

**Krista's Medical Tests —**

A few months ago, Krista's doctor recommended that she have a battery of extensive tests done due to some stomach problems that she had been experiencing. He was concerned that there could be a chance of cancer or some other *really bad* problem. Krista had the tests at the hospital, and the results came back clear!



**Run for Your Life! —**

Recently Hank visited the doctor with an ear infection. The doctor took his blood pressure as a routine task and told him it was high: 145 over 95! So the prognosis was lose some weight and get more exercise. Hank is now moderately dieting, as well as exercising and jogging during lunch twice a week and on Saturdays.



**Attention PC Users!**



**More frequent updates via e-mail —** If you would like to get monthly prayer requests and updates on our mission work, just send me an email note indicating that to the address at the right. It's been a few months since we sent out one of these emails, but we're going to try to keep up on it. These updates aren't **fancy** (plain text and no pictures) but they will give you more details than we can include in a quarterly newsletter.

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**Robotics Class —**

During November, December, and January, Nicholas participated in an after-school robotics program. The program, hosted by the local school, gave students an opportunity to learn engineering, programming, and teamwork skills by building a small robot that was programmed by a computer to perform certain tasks. Hank also volunteered his skills, since few of the parents had a computer background. They participated in two competitions with other schools, and their team had two entries in the competitions. They took in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> places at the state competition, which included over 30 schools.

**Krista Volunteers at WordSpring Discovery Center —**

Over the coming months, Krista will be helping part-time at Wycliffe's visitor center, the *WordSpring* Discovery Center. She will be working as a hostess and a receptionist, helping to distribute materials to local Christian bookstores, and building a database of information to help track where the *WordSpring* Discovery Center materials have been published. Krista has also been asked to plan and organize a Wycliffe ladies spring luncheon in May. She looks forward to these opportunities to help at the office, meet the public, and represent Bible translation.



**Amanda Gets Braces —**

Last fall Amanda had braces put on. This sure is different from the braces that were used when we were kids. She will need to wear her braces for two years and then will have a retainer following that. She's adjusted to braces pretty well, and the fact that most of her girl friends also have braces makes it more appealing. We're thankful that a good deal of the cost for this has been covered by a special gift from friends and some is covered by dental insurance.

*Prayer Requests*

- ◆ We are purchasing a used minivan. Pray that our car would sell for a good price.
- ◆ Pray for wisdom for Hank as he manages various Wycliffe computer projects.

*Praises*

- ◆ Amanda, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Nick in 4<sup>th</sup> are doing well in their school classes.
- ◆ We thank the Lord that Krista's medical tests did not reveal cancer.
- ◆ Nick's foot has fully recovered from the surgery he had in April 2002.
- ◆ We thank the Lord for special gifts received in recent months to help with medical bills. Medical expenses not covered by insurance in 2002 totaled \$10,000.



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