

◆ The “Scoop” on the Scotts ◆

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E-mail System Upgrades

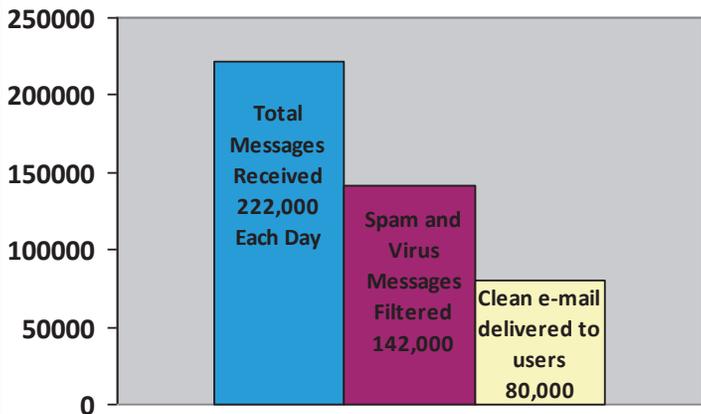
Today most people understand the importance of e-mail and the role that it plays in the corporate business world. In the world of missions e-mail meets the core needs for providing world-wide communications. I have been asked to lead a major project to upgrade our corporate e-mail system and to consolidate systems.

E-mail is the primary form of communications for our missionaries working around the world in different time zones. It is a key function for business operations and also for furthering translation work. Because of these factors, our e-mail systems are our most critical computer systems. The graphs below show the average number of e-mail messages we receive per day and the number of e-mail users on the systems being combined.

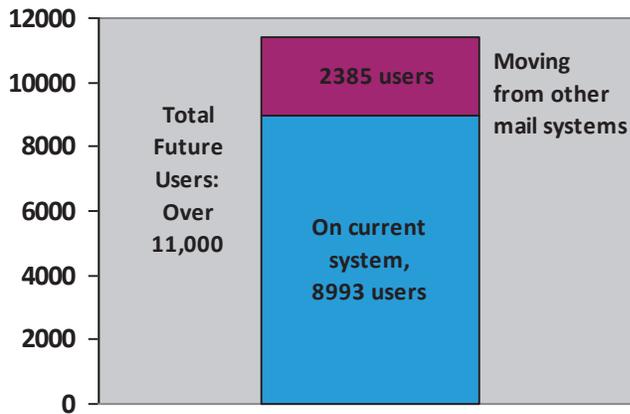
risk of loosing mail due to failed PCs on the field. E-mail data can remain on the server where it is backed up instead of only existing on PCs and being lost if the hard disk fails or becomes corrupted.

This is a large project and we will be working on this upgrade throughout the year. The final pieces will not be complete until 2010! Obviously a project of this size requires in-depth planning, lots of communications, and direction when key decision points arise. I feel a bit apprehensive about managing such a large and important project but I have a great team working on it who are truly experts in the field. Also I know that the Lord is really the one in control and He can help us be successful to bring glory to His name!

Average E-mail Messages Received per Day



E-mail Users Affected by this Conversion



The primary reason we are making these changes is to increase the functionality available to our field staff. The upgrades that we are doing will introduce new features that they have been asking for in order to help them work more efficiently. Another reason that we are upgrading is to reduce the number of different e-mail systems that we support. This consolidation will reduce the number of staff needed to maintain the e-mail systems and will free up critical personnel to support other computer systems.

A side benefit of these improvements is that the new systems will provide better reliability by reducing the

Africa Internet Project Continuing

A number of my staff are planning trips in February and March to three different African countries to begin one project and to complete two others.

The ongoing project management role that I performed in 2008 has been turned over to another person who is primarily responsible for field network support. I am still involved because I manage the people who are doing most of this work, but I am not spending as much time on the administrative management as I was before. Thank you for praying for this important work!

“Out of Office” Messages

College Update

Please be in prayer with us about Amanda's college search. As a high school senior she is now applying to colleges and looking to the Lord for direction. Pray that He would direct her to the right school and that He would provide for her financial needs as this is an expensive undertaking!

Jaars Youth Christmas Party

Before Christmas, Krista was busy coordinating the annual Jaars youth Christmas banquet. This year she decided to have a “Traditional American” meal at the youth center. In past years they have eaten at a restaurant, but this year’s event required a lot more preparation. Many of the youth have lived overseas and have not always experienced the traditional American meal at Christmas. We had good help from the other parents and cooked for and served over forty high school teens. Fun was had by all as they shared after the meal with a white elephant gift exchange.



Parents serving dinner at the Christmas Banquet

Financial Update

Thanks for praying for the Lord’s provision for our financial needs. We know the economy is very tight for many people. We are still averaging \$1,000 per month short of our needs. We also recall stopping work in 2005 to devote full-time attention to raising more support and we are praying that things don’t come to that again, as my skills are really needed in the office!

During this time of uncertainty in our country, we are very thankful that our confidence is in the Heavenly Father who is in full control of all our circumstances. We are also very grateful for the team of financial and prayer partners that the Lord has provided. We are privileged to be a part of the work of Bible translation, and honored to be part of the team with you. Thank you!

Do you receive our monthly email updates?

Many people have email and Internet access today. If you would like to receive our monthly e-mail status and prayer updates, just send an e-mail message to us at hank_scott@wycliffe.org and we will add you to the list. Many of our prayer partners find this helps them know how to pray during the time in between our newsletters.

Also, if you previously were receiving our monthly updates and your e-mail address has changed, be sure to let us know your new e-mail address so that we can keep in touch. If you missed any recent updates that we sent out, they are also available on our web site:

www.wysite.org/sites/the_scotts

Enclosures:

We have included our latest prayer card with this letter. Be sure to check the back of it for various methods of personal contact. In closing, thanks so much for your interest in our ministry! Due to space constraints, we are including a separate half sheet with prayer requests and praise notes.



Jaars youth and leaders pose for a group photo after the banquet.

One interesting note: During the New Years celebrations, Krista asked one of the teens if he would be watching the “Ball Drop” in New York City on TV. To her surprise he didn’t have a clue what she meant because he had always lived overseas. So Krista had the opportunity to share another American tradition with him.

In His Service,

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