

# ◊ The “Scoop” on the Scotts ◊

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## Remote Connectivity & Low Power Computing A Project Recap

In our newsletters and email updates over the last 18 months, I have been reporting on a project called the “Remote Connectivity and Low Power Computing Initiative”. The Lord has allowed us to be part of a great effort which is resulting in an increased pace of translating His Word! Our team in partnership with The Seed Company and Wycliffe Associates has helped provide new tools for **more than 130 language projects serving over 20 million speakers!** These are people who don’t yet have the Bible in their heart language.

Today for each of these projects the national mother tongue translators (MTTs) can now share their translation work right from the remote village setting over the Internet with expert translation consultants who are working anywhere in the world. Together they can progress through translating Scripture at a faster and more efficient pace, in most cases accelerating the completion of the New Testament by many years.



*National translators gain experience with their new computer.*

In the former method of work, some translation was only done during workshops which occurred every few months, and the rest of the time little translation work was done. In some cases, the MTTs had a computer and a small generator in the village, but they had to travel for days to buy the precious fuel for their generator.

Newer solar power systems don’t require fuel and can provide stable energy to run the laptop computers and charge cell phones.

In other cases, the MTT would have to travel for days to a city with an Internet café where they could send and receive email. The Internet cafés are rife with computer viruses, so even connecting in one of those locations is risky. Due to the travel time, this meant that only a couple of email exchanges would take place per month, and very little translation work got done since the MTT was spending so much time travelling. But now with their new system in the village setting, the MTT can communicate daily with the expert translation consultant, often on the other side of the world, and they do not waste days traveling to the nearest Internet café.

***The major initial push to roll out this technology is now nearly complete.*** There are still a few more Seed Company language projects which will use this technology, but our work on the deployments is slowing. The team has learned a lot over the last 18 months and now we are applying that experience to other translation projects with similar needs that are not sponsored financially by The Seed Company.

There are over 1,500 active language projects under way worldwide and many of them already have reliable Internet connectivity. But some are still lacking the proper tools, and those are the ones we will focus on next. We are already helping provide connectivity for some projects in the Asia-Pacific. A survey is being planned for African countries to identify remote projects with power and connectivity needs, and the results of that will determine funding for solutions in 2013.

For my staff it is exciting to see our work with technology be put to use for projects that directly accelerate providing God’s Word to the people who need it! Thank you for your role in helping make it possible for me to serve in this manner. ***To God be the glory!***

## Family Updates

Both of our children continue to do well in college, Nick as a freshman at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA and Amanda as a junior at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. Krista, Amanda, and I went to Nick's college for a family weekend that Liberty sponsored in October, where we took the photo below of Nick and Amanda.



In a prior e-mail update I had mentioned that Nick was going to be taking Engineering courses and investigating a possible scholarship from the Department of Defense. Now that he is part way through his first semester in Engineering, he's pretty sure that the topic is not for him. It's often difficult for students to guess about what career they might be interested in, until they begin to take some of the courses which can either affirm or negate their career decision.

### We Appreciate Your Prayers!

- ◆ Praise the Lord for how technology is helping accelerate translation efforts worldwide, and for the project funds that people have given to make this possible!
- ◆ Please pray for Nick's decisions about college courses and how to pay for his education.
- ◆ Thank the Lord with us for Nick's good adjustment to college and his spiritual growth!
- ◆ Hank is attending ongoing leadership training in December. Please pray that he will have adequate time to work through the considerable reading and preparation steps.
- ◆ Please pray for Hank's dad, Ron Scott who is dealing with dementia and is currently in an adult living facility in Adrian, MI. We also ask prayer for Hank's sisters, Sally Graf of Adrian, MI and Debbi Meister of Clare, MI as they carry the weight of making care decisions on Dad's behalf.

Please pray that Nick would sense God's leading in his course plans for the next semester. He will soon be taking a test which will help identify his strongest areas of interest and match those with career options to help define his next steps. Also we would appreciate your prayers for his financial needs as starting next semester he will begin incurring large college loans.

One bright ray of encouragement has been seeing Nick's spiritual growth while he attends this strong Christian school. He is actively engaged with a number of wholesome activities and is growing in the Lord!

Krista and I have adjusted well to being empty nesters and we are enjoying this phase of our life. Thank you for praying for Krista's migraines. She continues to have a few of them each month, but the medicine is working as it should to minimize the effects and she has been able to function very well.

*Thankful for God's Grace,*

*Hank & Krista*

### Do You Have Email?

Some people don't know that we send out monthly email updates. We also post those on our website:

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If you are not receiving our monthly email updates but would like to, just send an email message to:

[hank\\_scott@wycliffe.org](mailto:hank_scott@wycliffe.org)

This is a great way to keep in touch with our ministry, since we don't send out printed newsletters very often, but we try to send out an email update every month. The focus of those updates is to let people know our prayer needs and praises, but we also cover more news than we can in a printed newsletter, both about projects that Hank is involved with and about our family. We are also on Facebook - just search for us by name and look for our photos.

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