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Catching Up...

Since Krista and I mailed out our last printed newsletter back in August, a lot of time and events have passed! If you receive our monthly email updates then some things in this newsletter should sound familiar. We want to summarize a few major topics in this letter to catch everyone up with our ministry and share where we are heading, as we seek God’s will.

Indonesia Trip — October 2012

I took this trip with one of my coworkers, Paul Z. to Kupang, West Timor, Indonesia, located north of Australia. The purpose of the trip was to “fix stuff” and train others, and we spent three weeks there.

Some of the improvements Paul and I made included:

- ✓ Fix the satellite Internet connection
- ✓ Upgrade the wireless network
- ✓ Develop laptop backup solution and train an Indonesian staff member to run backups
- ✓ Fix a large printer used for printing Scripture portions and educational primers
- ✓ Improve campus electrical system and add grounding
- ✓ Network design for new visitor guest house

There are only three non-Indonesians providing expert translation consulting in this region. The rest of the people doing translation are Indonesian nationals. They have completed 4 translations thus far and are actively working on 20 more, to reach well over a million language speakers.

Paul and I were surprised to find this part of Indonesia totally open to Christian values, and the work of Bible translation, church planting, and evangelism! The Lord is certainly at work there and many people are coming to Christ. Our prayer is that as they grow in their faith and knowledge of Christ, they will be able to reach out to fellow Indonesians with the Gospel in places where foreigners cannot go.



Hank training one of the local Indonesians to do backups

Kenya Trip — January 2013

Two coworkers and I traveled to Nairobi Kenya for two weeks. The purpose of this trip was to participate in face-to-face meetings. The first week of meetings was to work on our annual planning for technology needs in Africa.

During the second week we participated in Africa Area leadership meetings. My role was to represent the IT (Information Technology) field as part of the Global IT department which I help lead. Also, I talked with key leaders about a possible future role serving in Africa (see the article on the back page).

Two weeks of meetings may not sound as exciting as the trip I took to Indonesia, but the work done in those meetings was as important to Bible translation as the work that Paul and I did in Indonesia.

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Using technology effectively is critical in Bible translation! Many places in Africa still have big challenges with power, Internet access, funding for improvements, and having qualified staff to support technology. Our planning meetings are an important piece of solving those issues.

Considering a Move to Kenya, Africa

Last summer Krista and I began to investigate the idea of an assignment in East Africa. The Lord closed that door, or at least put the idea on hold at that time, due to a major staffing reorganization that was taking place within our mission in Africa. Those changes have been made so the door is now open to consider this again.

The needs in Africa are great, and they need people like me with a combination of leadership experience and technical skills. The next step in the process will happen this month when my current boss, Steve, will meet with Patrick (shown in the picture above, back row, second from the left.) Patrick is the Director of Operations for Africa Shared Services and he will be in Waxhaw, NC for meetings. The two of them will discuss my potential role and reporting relationship. Krista would also have a part-time role but those details are unknown today.

The next step for us is for Krista to visit Kenya, which we are planning to do in May. I will be teaching at the Africa IT Connect training sessions in Nairobi so Krista will accompany me on that two week trip. We feel that it is important for her to see Kenya first-hand and experience the culture, climate, and living conditions before we commit to this decision.

If we decide to make the move to Kenya, we do not anticipate a rapid transition. We have many decisions to make and those take time. We would need to raise additional support because our current support has drifted down to 85%. We do not yet know the exact amount of support we would need to live there, but it is likely that we will need to raise some additional funds.

We would also need to decide whether to sell our home or keep it and rent it out. Either way we would need time to make those preparations. There



The team members at the annual planning meetings in Nairobi.

is a one month intercultural communications course that Krista and I need to attend, here in Waxhaw, possibly around the start of 2014. Considering all these factors, we could see 2014 as a realistic transition timeframe.

The Lord could still close this door and then we would stay here in our current roles. We just want to be obedient to His leading, and to use our skills to help others hear the Gospel and grow in Christ, *wherever the Lord places us!*

Krista's airline ticket for Kenya will cost around \$2,000 and we need to pay for that out of our own funds. If you are interested in contributing to this need, you may send a gift to Wycliffe as indicated below. Thankfully, my travel expenses are covered by the IT Connect training program.

Prayer Requests & Praises

- ◆ Praise the Lord for opportunities to use technology as a tool to help advance His kingdom!
- ◆ Join us in prayer as we seek God's will about an assignment in Kenya.
- ◆ Pray for Hank and others who are developing courses for the IT Connect training series—for time to focus amidst their other responsibilities.
- ◆ Thank the Lord with us for two new missionaries who are now starting their ministries in Hank's Global IT Development team!

Thankful for your partnership,

Hank & Krista

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