

The “Scoop” on the Scotts

2014 Year Recap

Dear Ministry Partners,

Krista and I appreciate your prayers! The year of 2014 was quite eventful for our ministry and a big travel year for me. During the year I spent 13 weeks away from home on trips for strategic planning, technology consulting, staff training, and representing Wycliffe at public relations & recruiting events. These trips included international countries of Singapore (two times), Malaysia, Thailand, Kenya (two times), and the Philippines, and domestic trips to Michigan (three times), Orlando, Virginia, and California. Some of these trips were only a few days long while other ones lasted up to three weeks. If you missed out on our prayer and news updates for these trips and would like to receive future email updates, normally once a month, you can subscribe on our website: www.hankscott.net/subscribe.

Translation Progress

We are witnessing the greatest acceleration of Bible translation in history! Wycliffe recently updated their Scripture Access Statistics which list details on the progress. You will find a link on our website: www.hankscott.net. In 2013 we saw 48 new language projects begin. In 2014, we saw another 59 projects start! Nearly 2,200 language projects are under way today.

Not only is new work starting, but translations are being finished as well! When Krista and I began our ministry, over 2,000 language groups had a definite need for translation with 2,500 more languages needing further survey work. Today the remaining number of languages with a likely need for Scripture is down to just 1860 and this number continues to decline as translations are produced. Bible translation has been completed in well over 500 languages in the last 15 years. We are excited to be part of this work: the Lord is doing incredible things - ***To God be the glory!***



Another Trip to Kenya



On January 23 I will head to Kenya for three weeks of technology planning meetings and training. Krista will not be accompanying me on this long trip. I will help conduct the fifth year of IT Connect training to help strengthen the technical expertise of our African IT workers. Good access to the Internet is critical for this training program and last year it was horrible! Some upgrades have been made since then and we are hoping for better Internet so it will not be a barrier and a distraction to the training.

Technology is a key enabler for Bible translation work, so this training is an important piece of the puzzle for people to receive God’s Word in their own language. I have listed some specific prayer requests in the Prayer & Praise section of this report and Krista and I would appreciate your prayers.

Hank's Crazy Idea: Global Internet Access

Last August I asked for prayer regarding an idea that I had about getting better Internet access for our global workforce. I believe the lack of good Internet is the biggest technology roadblock to the progress of Bible translation. While I don't have a solution yet, I have been working on a proposal which is nearly ready to share with my coworkers for their input and refinement.

A number of people have given me encouragement that even though this seems like an insurmountable issue, I need to push forward with my idea and trust the Lord to solve it. Since I have been quite busy with other critical work this idea is progressing more slowly than I would like. Thank you for praying with me about it, and I ask that you continue to uphold this idea before the Lord. I will share more news when there is relevant information to report.

Prayer & Praise

- Please pray for safe travel for me and my colleagues to and from Kenya, and no illness during this trip. There is no risk of Ebola in this part of Africa, so that is not a concern. Pray also for safety for the many IT workers who are coming to Kenya from other parts of central and eastern Africa, and for productive training sessions. Finally pray that the remaining costs of this training program will be raised through donations to a JAARS project fund. (See www.jaars.org/donate/5640)
- Please pray for Krista as she maintains our home in North Carolina while I am abroad. Even though we are normally able to communicate via Skype, email, and other tools, it is still difficult to be apart for three weeks.
- **Praise!** All medical bills paid off! **Prayer:** New medical bills just received! In a single day we went from the elation that morning of erasing all remaining medical bills to frustration that afternoon of receiving a new bill for over \$1,600 which we didn't even expect! Who knew a urine test could cost so much?! How is this even possible?! We will be contacting the medical testing facility to get more details, as we question whether all of the multiple tests were really necessary. This was a requirement for Krista to receive medication for chronic back pain, but we had no idea that the tests would be so expensive!! Please pray that this bill could be reduced, and for the extra funds to pay off whatever the final number ends up being.
- Over the last year a number of individuals and churches gave special donations to help us pay off \$9,000 of medical bills. That was a huge encouragement and we thank God for a faithful team of financial partners!
- Krista and I are seeking the Lord's will for her career and her role in our ministry. Should she get another part time job to help cover our monthly expenses? Or should she focus on a ministry role with Wycliffe, which means we would need to raise about \$1,200 more in normal monthly support? She has applied to numerous jobs, is well qualified as an administrative assistant, and works well with the public, but no jobs have opened up. She would enjoy using her skills to serve the Lord in ministry and there are tons of needs. We want to follow the Lord's will in this matter! Will you pray with us as we seek His guidance?

As I began this letter, we appreciate your prayers! Thank you so much for your interest and partnership in this ministry. We are blessed to be part of God's work!

Hank and Krista