

PRAISES

- We have now reached 30% of our monthly support!
- We had safe travels, good times with family, and great input from a conference in March.
- After a short hospital stay, Jonathan's mom was found to be in good health

PRAYER REQUESTS

- That God will build our partnership team
- That God would direct us as we schedule and fulfill various speaking engagements
- For a closer walk with the Lord, both individually and as a couple
- For our commissioning service coming up in early June (*check our website for details*)

Common Questions about our Ministry (and the Answers)**Q: What will you be doing overseas?**

A: Stephanie and I will be filling crucial support needs so that Bible translators will not be pulled from their work as translators.

Q: Why would translators have to be pulled?

A: When a need such as education becomes severe enough, several missionary families may have to leave the field. If a translator in the area is the only one qualified to supply the need, they may be called on to do so temporarily.

Q: How will you help with this problem?

A: What we do will depend on the situation when we arrive in Indonesia. I'm going as a teacher, but I may be needed to manage the school computer networks. Stephanie may work as a secretary, librarian, or, if our family becomes larger, she will have a most important job that will take precedence [*Stephanie blushes*].

Q: How can I help?

A: Our biggest need is prayer. We believe missionary kids face some major challenges, and your prayers are vital in helping them overcome these challenges. We certainly need people to partner with us financially on a monthly basis. Also, you can consider going overseas to help. Even a short-term trip can have a significant impact on making Bible translation possible.

Q: Where are you going?

A: Sentani, Indonesia.

Q: Why Indonesia?

A: Indonesia has some of the greatest need. Nearly 30 million people don't have any part of the Bible in their language in any format!

Q: When will you go?

A: We'll go when enough people financially partner with us to supply our monthly financial needs for living in Indonesia.



A dorm at Hillcrest International School

To partner with us financially, you may mail contributions to Wycliffe Bible Translators, PO Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200, with a separate note saying, "For the ministry of Jonathan & Stephanie Compton, acct. #200268."



Partners in Bible Translation

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We plan to send out email updates on the months we do not send newsletters. Email us if you are interested in receiving these updates.

ABOUT US

Our vision: To support Bible translation by meeting the educational needs of missionary kids (job descriptions to be finalized upon arrival)

Our destination: Hillcrest International School in Sentani, Indonesia

Our goal: To begin language school in Indonesia by January 2009

Our current activities: We are both working part-time, Jonathan as a tutor and grant-writer, Stephanie as a school secretary. Jonathan is renewing his teaching certification. We are also pursuing opportunities to share with others our personal vision and the great need for Bible translation.

Our needs: We need a solid team of monthly financial partners and prayer partners. We also need advocates to introduce us to others who would be interested in our ministry.

Thirsty?

A few weeks ago, I realized that my Bible reading and prayer time were lifeless. I've learned that when I lose

the joy of spending time with the Lord, sin creeps in. Many of us hack at the leaves of sin, but we forget that a few intimate moments with the Father withers its root in minutes.

That morning I knew I needed God's presence. Instead of doing my usual Bible reading, I read a chapter in a devotional book on worship by Matt Redman. The chapter I read was like a

love letter from God. I believe He was speaking this to me:

- "I love you. Come, let me give you a hug."
- "Your thirst for me will never be quenched in this life."
- "Feeling my love will fill you with the right compassion for others."

For days, I had wanted to hear from the Lord. I had felt like there was something wrong with me for feeling so empty. On this morning, He showed me that He designed us to need Him. Until we get to Heaven,

our experience of the Father is incomplete.

God also has been showing me that I do not need to shoulder the emotional burdens of others. It will be my job to care for my students, but the right way to do this is to enjoy—and lead others to—Christ's presence. It is not I, but Jesus, who took on the sins and burdens of the world.

God does want us to have compassion. Yet true compassion comes not from ourselves, but from spending time with our Loving Father.

"Our thirst for God will never be quenched in this life."