



PRAISES

- Great times with family during this holiday season
- Good health for Stephanie & baby
- Our growing overseas setup fund

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For wisdom and grace as we share our vision with others
- For healing for Jonathan's grandpa
- For God's hand of protection during labor and delivery (our baby is due February 16)

Computers in Missions?

Most of you reading this article know that I (Jonathan) will be working with computers as part of our assignment in Papua. What do computers have to do with Bible translation and missions? Actually, it is easier to answer the question, "When are computers NOT used in missions today?" Here are just a few areas where technology helps Wycliffe to be more effective:

- E-mail
- Bookkeeping
- Inventory (of just about everything)
- Creating newsletters (like this one)
- Education
- Creating dictionaries (main linguistic tool needed in translation of minority languages)
- Translation (computers can improve accuracy and speed completion of the Bible)
- Publishing (the material goal of Bible translation!)
- Multimedia (solar-powered mp3 players are revolutionizing the transmission of the gospel)
- Training national workers (in any of the above areas)



Christmas 2008

At Hillcrest International School, I will be teaching computers to missionary kids. Also, I will maintain the school's network of 80 computers. These are used by missionaries as well as students. In November, I completed 2 weeks of workshops to become qualified to train workers in translation teams to use software for Bible translation. There may also be opportunities for training Papuan nationals to help maintain the computers as well as in translation work.

With so many computers, there will be more work for me to do than I can possibly manage. Currently, Andrew Williams is the only IT worker assigned to Hillcrest. Unfortunately, due to illness, he has been out of the country for several months. Hillcrest needs Stephanie and me there as soon as possible. Moreover, they could use short-term and long-term IT personnel, and it is my hope that some of you reading this will consider such an opportunity. Please, consider becoming a part of making Bible translation possible by praying for us, investing financially in our ministry, hosting a pot-luck meeting, or speaking to your pastor about us.

Help us get to Indonesia! Your monthly financial partnership is the wind in our sails.





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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 July 2009

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.

Spotlight on Indonesia

Did you know that Indonesia is over 90% Muslim and has the 4th largest population in the world?

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."

My Dad's Challenge

When I (Jonathan) was growing up, I received \$150 dollars for reading the Bible. My dad gave

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me a challenge: if I would read the New Testament, he would give me \$50, and if I would read the Old Testament, he would give me \$100. For a kid growing up in the 80's, the idea of earning so much money was irresistible.

It took me several

attempts and a few years to finish, but I did it. My dad had almost forgotten about the challenge, but he asked me a few questions about what I'd read and happily shelled out the money.

I've forgotten what I bought with that money. I probably bought some toys or video games. Yet for 20 years since that time, I've read the Bible almost every day. Hearing the Lord speak to me through His Word is beyond value.

My dad believed that \$150 was a small price to pay to get his son hooked on God's Word. We believe that the Bible will have a positive impact on anyone who takes the time to read it often and carefully. I want to pass this challenge on to you: what could you do to motivate yourself to read the Bible more often? How can you encourage your loved ones to experience the value of God's Word?