

PRAISE ITEMS

- 📖 New assignment
- 📖 New opportunities to serve the Lord
- 📖 That modern technology can be used in the furtherance of the Kingdom of God

PRAYER ITEMS

- 📖 Relief from migraine headaches
- 📖 Safety in USA
- 📖 That I would be a blessing to those around me
- 📖 The Lord's wisdom & guidance in my new assignment

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FROM NORTHERN IRELAND

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Dear Praying Friend,

I started this letter in February but did not quite get it finished. The intention was to update you while I was still in the UK. However, I now bring you greetings from Dallas. Several times when I was sweating and sweating overseas I would have welcomed cooler weather. I had forgotten how cold it could be! Brr!!! However, I am not complaining. It is good to not be sweating all the time. ☺ It is also good to be enjoying warmer weather again.

New Assignment

In my last letter I mentioned a new assignment for me within Wycliffe. I started this new job at the beginning of January and I now have a better idea of what it entails. Let me share a bit about it with you so that you will be better informed as you pray.

You may remember that I have been submitting literacy training/teaching materials to the Repository for Electronic Archiving and Publishing (REAP) website. REAP contains a vast array of materials, not all of which are for training purposes. At the end of 2015 REAP had 60,199 entries representing 3,693 languages.



So much is digital now including those mountains of books. The materials in REAP are in a variety of digital formats and they include scholarly works from members of Wycliffe, technical reports, teaching materials, photographs, multimedia clips, interactive teaching programmes, sets of data etc. Some of the photographs date back to 1942 when Cameron Townsend started Wycliffe Bible Translators. You may wonder why we collect and collate such a huge amount of documentation. Well, it is a means of preserving and protecting the resources for future generations to utilize.



My new assignment will see me curating materials from any country where Wycliffe works, except those in Africa and Asia. While I will continue to give literacy consultant help to a couple of language groups in Africa I am no longer assigned to work in Africa or Asia. I am now assigned to SIL International and my new title is SIL International REAP Training Materials Coordinator.

New Schedule

In addition to the above assignment I have also been asked to help with organizing another literacy website within Wycliffe. As is the case with my primary assignment, above, this part of my assignment will be done online. This means I can stay in the UK to work without going overseas again.

Overall this means that I will be spending a lot of time in front of the computer each day. I have been having more trouble than usual of late with migraine headaches. For those of you who suffer from migraines I know you will be able to empathize. Currently I have medication from the doctor which is helping. Please pray it will continue to be effective. I started getting migraine headaches when I



was 5 years old and they are quite debilitating when they hit. My, is that ever a typical British understatement!! ☺

Time spent on the computer may need to be broken up into smaller, more manageable chunks in order to avoid too much eye strain. Hopefully this will help to ward off at least some of the migraines. Your prayers to that end would be much appreciated.

New Places

In line with my new assignment I am, as I write, in the USA. I will be here for most of April. I have been to the States before but had not yet been to Dallas until now. One of the reasons for this trip is for me to meet the rest of the folks on the REAP team who are based in the USA. They have been working together for about 6 years so know each other well and have quite a history together. I have a lot of catching up to do!



There are a couple of additional blessings while I am in the States – my boss' boss has invited me to join he and his family on a trip down to Austin (about a 3½ hour drive from Dallas) to see a blacksmith demonstration. I am looking forward to it. Also, since Arizona is only about a 2 hour flight from Dallas, I will visit a friend whom I have not seen since 1994. Holly and I were in Kenya at the same time and have kept in touch. It will be good to see her again and meet her husband.

Well, I need to say goodbye for the moment. I pray that the Lord will richly bless you as He continues to bless and encourage me through you. May you know His peace and joy as He guards and guides you.

With love and thanks in Christ,



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