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There's more to Bible Translation than...

Well, actually there's more to Bible Translation than Bible translation.

Bible translation is critical:

Romans 10:14 "how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?"

But if Bible Translation is only about Bible Translation (producing books to sit on a shelf), it's missing the point of Bible Translation — making disciples whose lives are transformed by the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

The translation part — it's in a sense only the first step. Meaningful change comes when **people** (recipients of newly translated Scripture or you and me) use and apply Scripture to their lives.

"Wow. Is that really what it says?": After receiving the translated book of Jonah, Pastor Rafael could hardly contain his amazement as he read the text. He had a clear picture of the way the sailors on the boat desperately tried to spare Jonah's life and how much God loved the city of Ninevah. When he read about Moses in the book of Exodus, he starting thinking about his church leaders and the example of Moses' leadership. "The Bible lays out important principles in a clear, orderly way." From these experiences, Pastor Rafael decided, **"I'm committed to teach my church carefully through each Bible book, verse by verse, so they will not miss anything God wants to communicate"**.

Changes at work (a "promotion")

On **October 1**, I start a newly created role at work: **CTO (Chief Technology Officer)**. I will be supervising the person taking my place leading my current team who handle the normal business technology for **my organization (SIL*)** as well as the person leading the technology team who produce Bible Translation and Language technology for Bible translators (software.sil.org). I'm excited about this organizational change because it makes so much sense to me to have the two groups "together".

*Note: I work for Wycliffe. Wycliffe "loans" me to SIL Global (sil.org). SIL Global serves in the work of Bible Translation and other language related work for people and communities whose languages are overlooked or unsupported.



Peter & Emily Nelson's wedding
El Paso TX , March 2026

Pray

- For **wisdom, courage, and endurance** in my brand new role. The two people leading the two teams are also new: Scott K. replaces me leading business technology and Chris H. is moving into the Language Technology director role. Pray for wisdom and favor for Scott and Chris too.
- Pray for good handover from me to Scott and from the current Language Technology director (Mike C.) to Chris. Pray for a **smooth transition** for leaders and for staff.
- Continue to **pray for IT missionaries** — for many years Wycliffe has seen a net decrease in staff year on year as more missionaries retire than new people join to replace them. This has meant that self-funded missionaries like me are replaced with paid staff, straining organizational funding. Pray for sustainable solutions to retain needed workers.

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