

# JASON'S JOURNEY



"I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free." Psalm 119:32(NIV)

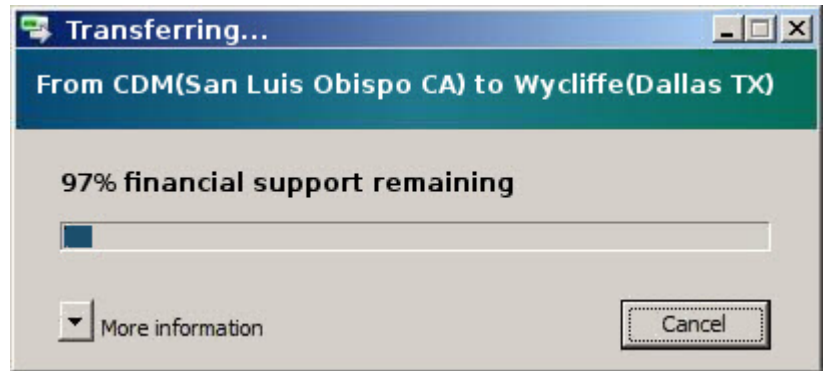


Dear family and friends, as many of you know I have been looking into Wycliffe Bible Translators for the last few years. I'm excited to tell you that I am now on my way!

Last February I visited the Wycliffe missionaries at the International Linguistics Center in Dallas, Texas. I wanted to see if there was a place for me to serve in Bible translation using the talents that God gave me. A lot of time had passed, and so much had changed since I found out that it was possible to do software development as a ministry that I needed to see a place for me to rekindle my initial excitement. I found that place in the language software development group.

The team I will be working with are an amazing group of guys and the software projects are integral to the translation process. I came back from that trip ready to go and moved through the Wycliffe membership and training as fast as possible wrapping up with 2 weeks of training at Wycliffe USA's headquarters in Orlando this July.

All Wycliffe members are individually supported by financial and prayer partners and I can't move to Dallas and start working until I reach 100% of the monthly support. I have a goal of finding enough partners to send me to Dallas by February 2011. That goal can only be reached with God's help, and I need prayer partners as much as I need financial partners.



## Why Bible Translation?

God's word has a power to change lives that goes beyond what any evangelist or preacher conveys. I know that scripture has changed my life, and I want every person in the world to have that opportunity.

"The greatest missionary is the Bible in the mother tongue. It needs no furlough and is never considered a foreigner." Cameron Townsend

Wycliffe paves the way for many other ministries and organizations like the Jesus Film, and UNICEF by doing the language development and scripture translation in minority language communities.

There are close to 7,000 languages known today, and there are over 2,000 living languages which still don't have a single word of scripture.

## Geek Speak Corner: 3 fun facts

Wycliffe's primary strategic partner, SIL, makes many contributions to Unicode. While they are getting new characters approved they maintain them in a reserved area so that translators can see them in their editors and proceed with their work while the characters are being added to the standard.

In Arabic words are read from right to left, while numbers are read from left to right. This presents some challenges in the text editor as you might imagine. When a user is typing numbers in Arabic they expect them to appear left to right, and when they type letters they expect them to appear right to left. The tools that Wycliffe develops have to be sensitive to the context in order to take such language dependant behavior into account.

Many of the tools I will be working on are developed open source so that the services they provide can be available to a wider community of users.

## Equipped!

The two weeks of training that I received in Orlando goes by the name of Equip. It was an intense and inspiring two weeks. I was a part of the largest group to ever go through the training. There were 50 members other than myself who were on their way to a variety of different jobs all over the world. There were translators, pilots, mechanics, IT managers, warehouse managers, teachers. There were people there starting a second career after retirement, people in their 20's, small families, large families, representatives from almost every age and stage. Each of us with a story of how God had called us.

We all got to share those stories with each other as part of the training and it was so encouraging to see God's individual work in each life. People were headed to Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Tanzania, Florida, North Carolina, and some to areas they weren't allowed to mention. We all had a passion for God's word, and for seeing lives changed.



A few of the group got the opportunity to share a short version of their story in front of a couple hundred Wycliffe employees. I was one of the ones who got to share, which was a stretching experience for me.

Someone in the group suggested that I was chosen because I could represent both the IT workers and the single guys. That said it was a privilege to represent anyone who I trained with.

### How you can help:

If you are willing to regularly pray for me, or if you can help me financially the best way to let me know is through the following website: <http://www.wycliffe.org/Partnership.aspx?mid=4702DC>

If you don't want to receive any more newsletters from me, or if you would prefer to get them in a different format please contact me using the info below and let me know. Thank you and God Bless.

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