



Mark, Charisma, and Ezra Tompsett

Supporting the Ministry of Bible Translation in the Philippines



Bible Translation: The Important Need

Somewhere between 835BC-400BC (<http://bible.org/seriespage/joel>) the prophet Joel penned Joel 2:32 in Hebrew. The Apostle Peter quotes the prophet Joel at Pentecost in Acts 2:21 which was later written down in Greek. In 1611 the Authorized Version in English was completed. The first Tagalog Bible was published (<http://www.bibleresources.org.uk/pages/data.asp?layout=book.htm&id=721>) in 1905. We all are the product of God's Word being translated into our heart language.

In fact, at Pentecost the good news was preached in multiple languages, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?" (Acts 2:7, 8) This is how God speaks to us, and it is how God wants to speak to those who have never heard the good news "... that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." (Acts 2:21 cf. Joel 2:32)

Support Worker: The Important Help

God gives each of us different gifts. Paul enumerates some of them: "first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues." (1 Corinthians 12:28).

Without support workers *helping* Bible translators with their computer, accounting, aviation, medical, child-care, or clerical problems, they are overloaded. Their *language skills* get unused to build up the church, because of the burden of other tasks.

We have been a support line to our organizations' and our partners' front line teams. These partner organizations include: World Team, Action International, New Tribes Mission, The Seed Company, and others.

Transformed Lives: The Important Plan

We believe that the Word of God in a person's heart language is powerful and can transform lives who find a personal relationship with Jesus Christ

Pray for some of the on going projects in the Philippines (<http://www.salitangbuhay.org/node/5>):

<u>Project</u>	<u>Percent Complete</u>
Bolinao	98%
Majukayong	73%
Northern Subanon	65%
Butbut Kalinga	38%
Kalagan	93%
Lubuagan Kalinga	75%
Kinaray-a	(NT dedicated Sept. 2009)
Rinconada & Buhi'non Bicol	Gospel of Luke and Acts



Situated in the South-East corner of the 10-40 window, the Philippines has become a strategic springboard for reaching out to the rest of Asia. Pray for more workers!

Our Ministry

Expanding into Asia has been partially realized with recent changes in IT Services, where I (Mark) serve. My tasks have moved away from focused purely on the Philippines and have stepped up to focusing on Asia. Some countries where Wycliffe operates have no IT staff, even though IT staff should be in every place using computers to accomplish the ministry. By focusing on Asia-wide problems, rather than just Philippine problems, the software solutions team can impact not just the Philippines, but Asia too.

Praise & Prayer Items

In closing, we are thankful for you as a supporting church and ask for your continued prayers for us. This ministry is only possible by the grace of God through partnerships, such as yours. Please pray for us and our shared ministry here:

Praise

- We are thankful that Ezra is a healthy child
 - He just got his first tooth recently. :)
- I'm thankful for a recent administrative restructuring that has freed me to do:
 - What I enjoy doing: programming.
 - What I need to get done: Charisma's Visa
- We're thankful the move went well.
- We're thankful that Santa Cruz is no longer flooded.
- We're thankful that a new landline (011 63 49 501 7715) has made contact from Canada possible.
- I'm thankful that a DSL modem has made affordable telecommuting possible for me here from Santa Cruz, Laguna.
- We're thankful for the positive feedback from my parents' interaction with our MP regarding Ezra's Certificate of Canadian Citizenship, and Charisma's Visa issues.
- We're thankful that God has met our needs to date.

Prayer

- Pray that answers to some Visa questions will arise quickly, so we can get it submitted as soon as possible.
 - There is potential that we may get to Canada as early as May.
- Pray for health
 - I'm requesting an OHIP extension to May 2010, pray it is approved, otherwise insurance costs may double (or more).
 - I'm going to check myself into a sleep clinic in Manila in the New Year to confirm what I believe I have: Sleep Apnea.
 - Continued healing for Charisma from the C-Section. She experiences pain when it gets cold.
- Pray for financial partners
 - Ezra's shots aren't covered by any medical plans that we have. The last one was P4700 (over \$100 CDN). His next shot is January 18, 2010 and it will cost P4700 too.
 - The Visa application will cost about \$1000 CDN
 - We estimate it will be about \$3000 CDN to return to Canada, we only have about half that saved up (I went as a single man).