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# Cahill Update

Serving in Dallas, TX with Tyndale Bible Translators and SIL Global

### Digital Corner



In a previous newsletter, I gave Brave as my preferred web browser. But what about search engines?

Google is the go-to for many people, but it's not the best, and it has terrible privacy. Bing typically has better results, but equally terrible privacy. Google and Microsoft make money by selling data on you to advertisers. No thanks!

Brave browser comes with Brave Search enabled, but it never shows links to Bible Gateway, and the image search is also lacking. Many others find it decent.

DuckDuckGo doesn't collect any of your data. It's what I use now, and has generally good results.

Startpage also doesn't collect your data. But compared to DuckDuckGo, it often shows more ads.

There are plenty of other good options as well.
Change your browser's default search engine and try them out yourself!



## Raising financial support

Missionaries, like all other people, have a crippling weakness.

We need to eat!

And not only that, but we have rent, vehicle expenses, taxes, and all of the other costs which come with living in modern society. To pay for these things, we rely on the financial support of others in Christ's body. They may not be able to serve as missionaries themselves, but by giving, these financial supporters allow missionaries to work full-time in pursuit of fulfilling the Great Commission.

I am currently drawing a salary from SIL, but that is ending in less than 2 months. By then, I need to raise my financial support. I submitted my budget quota to Tyndale of \$2200 per month, which they revised upwards to \$2700–2800 per month to account for taxes, processing fees, and other costs that aren't in common living expenses.

How close am I to that goal? It depends on how you look at it.

Right now, going solely by the people who are already contributing on a monthly basis, I am at \$365/month. However, there are about \$200/month contributions which I am expecting from people who told

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me in very certain terms that they are going to support me, but haven't signed up yet (or their giving hasn't shown up yet). There are also some one-time donations that I've received. If I budget those out over 1 year, that would be an additional \$213/month, which would have to be raised again next year.

So, you could view it as anything between 14% to about 30%. Still a long way to go!

I have contacted over 250 churches at this point, and I'm reaching out to friends and people who supported me in Bulgaria.

If you feel led to support me financially, a monthly commitment would be greatly preferred over a one-time gift. I had some supporters when I was in Bulgaria who gave just a few bucks a month. If you are planning on giving but haven't signed up for it yet, please send me a message letting me know how much you intend to give and when you will start. You can find my giving link at the bottom of the back side of the newsletter, as well as my contact details.

If you don't want to donate, please don't feel any pressure to do so. This information is for those who are feeling led by God to joyfully give, not to try to guilt or coerce my friends and acquaintances into giving. (And prayer support is still vital, not just financial!)

#### **Spiritual Thoughts**

During a recent prayer time, one woman prayed for "our brothers and sisters" in another church in Australia.

A series of thoughts went rapidly through my mind.

"But we've never met any of them."

"But wait, we're all brothers and sisters in Christ."

"Man, isn't it awesome that we're part of a family with other believers, without having any other connection with them?"

The analogy of believers belonging to the *body* of Christ has been on my mind a lot more since I became a missionary, explaining how fixing computers (or teaching kids in Bulgaria before that) contributed to God's work here on Earth. I often view this as how my role in God's kingdom relates to others' roles.

But sometimes, it's enough to acknowledge that we're also a *family*. This relationship has nothing to do with us or what we do, but solely depends on our mutual belief in Christ.



#### Visiting churches

There are three churches which have invited me to come speak. On August 24<sup>th</sup>, I am driving down and speaking at my college church in San Antonio. On August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup>, I am speaking at two different churches which are to the west of Fort Worth.

I'm so thankful to God that he has given me these opportunities, and I pray that he would speak through me at these churches.

I spoke at a small Episcopal church recently, after the service. I'm very grateful to Father Julian for allowing me to go there. The people who stayed afterwards seemed very enthusiastic about praying for me! I got a number of one-time donations as well.

#### What's going on at work?

It has been fairly routine here.

I've continued to upgrade Windows 10 computers to Windows 11. I had a bit of a scare with a computer getting locked up because of routine Windows updates *after* the upgrade to 11, but by God's grace, that was sorted out with fairly minimal effort.

#### Did you know?

There have been over 900 English translations of the Bible!

I've given away most of the old laptops that we have in stock for overseas projects, so I'm hoping that more get turned in soon. Maybe even from churches which had expressed interest in doing laptop drives among their congregation!

I've been working here for a full year now. Hooray!

#### **Prayer Points**

Thank you so much for praying! Here is what is currently on my mind and heart.

- Financial support from churches and individuals.
- That I find a godly woman to be my wife, and that God would be preparing both of our hearts for each other.
- The churches I will be visiting at the end of the month.

Thanks for reading and praying! I would love to hear back from you as well, so please drop me a message to let me know how you're doing and how I can be praying for you.

Yours in Christ, Stephen Cahill



