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# Cahill Update

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### **Digital** Corner



Each newsletter, I'll include a quick and simple tech tip or recommendation. Most will focus on computers (especially Windows), but I'll keep them accessible no matter your level of tech experience.

This month's tip is a small change that can make a big difference in your day-today browsing, with added privacy and security benefits: Use an adblocker.

I recommend uBlock Origin (or uBlock Origin Lite for Chrome). It blocks ads and trackers, helping pages load faster and keeping your online activity more private. You can easily disable it on websites that need ads to function or ones you want to support.

To install it, open your browser settings menu and visit the web store or extensions page (e.g., Chrome Web Store or Firefox Add-ons). Search for uBlock Origin, click on it, and click the button to add

#### Partner development

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#### Partner Development

The funding for my paid position ends in October this year.

I've been reaching out to various churches-some where I already have connections, and others I've simply found on Google Maps. While there have been a fair share of unanswered calls and emails, there have also been some very encouraging responses.

One highlight: I recently contacted a Baptist church in central Arkansas. During our conversation, I shared my testimony, including how God used Isaiah 6:8 multiple times to call me to Bulgaria. The pastor told me that before I called, he had been preparing a sermon... on Isaiah 6! On top of that, the church has been supporting an elderly missionary couple who is retiring soon, so there's a possibility they might reassign that support to me.

I have been invited to speak at that church for 30 minutes on May 25th. This is my first speaking experience at a church!

#### **ILC Trails**

I had an opportunity to use the skills God has given me for use in an unexpected way, outside of my official job responsibilities.

At the International Linguistics Center (ILC), where I work, there's a network of hiking trails I often walk during lunch. Many others also use the trails, both for exercise and as a place to pray and connect with God.

This spring, some students at Dallas International University (also on the ILC campus) took on a project to serve the community of people using the trails. It quickly became apparent that there was plenty of information about the trails (such as maps, flora and fauna guides, and usage guidelines), but it wasn't easy to access.

I proposed an online repository to gather all of the resources in one place. I mocked up an example on Google Sites, and then made a fancy QR code pointing to the site which could be posted on the trail signs.



The QR code looks like this, although this one points to my Tyndale page rather than to the trails site.

#### **Spiritual Thoughts**

One of my dad's favorite artists was Keith Green. I've been listening to his music lately, and one song which stands out to me is "Grace By Which I Stand." I'm struck by the chorus:

Well, nothing lasts

Except the grace of God

By which I stand in Jesus
I know that I would surely
fall away

Except for grace

By which I am saved

It's an excellent reminder of Romans 3:23–24. I too often find myself tempted to think too highly of myself apart from God. Although I may seem like a decent person by the world's standards, I fall far, far short of a holy and perfect God.

Fortunately, I don't have to live up to that perfect standard. His righteousness was given to me, and when I sin, He continually calls me back. Over and over, and over again.

The ability to return to Him is a blessing I too often take for granted. But I'm learning to rest in the truth of his unchanging grace more and more.



This suggestion was enthusiastically received, and that prototype is now being developed into a more permanent resource.

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

I've been focusing on two major projects at work recently. Though they are both behind-the-scenes, they help us stay organized so that we can provide better support for the missionaries we serve and plan ahead wisely and responsibly.

The first is our annual documentation review. During this time, we review all of the files that we have in our shared Google Drives and network folders, cleaning them out and updating the files with current information.

Some files just need a date check (like how to file a Dell warranty). Others require major overhauls, like the 10-page update I've been working on for Windows 11 installation procedures.

This process has been ongoing for about six weeks, but I'm nearly finished. I'll hopefully be done by the time you read this!

The second project is a computer survey. It's surprisingly difficult to get a full picture

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of the computers that are in use, especially those not consistently on our network.

I sent out a survey to a number of different supervisors to fill out for their teams, but there are so many fringe cases and odd reporting structures that this survey will still be incomplete. Still, it is giving us a much better picture of our computer situation than we had before.

#### **Prayer Points**

- For my visit to this Baptist church in Arkansas.
- 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.

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



