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Digital Corner



Generative AI is becoming increasingly common in today's world. And it's not just for students cheating on school essays! Here are some other uses for AI.

- Break a task down into actionable steps.
- Brainstorm ideas.
- Troubleshoot technical issues before reaching out to a professional.
- Explain complex topics in simple terms.
- Get recommendations of books or media based on what else you like.
- Grammar check messages and emails.
- Change the tone of messages or emails.
- Practice a foreign language. (Many AI can converse in many major non-English languages.)
- Summarize articles.
- Compare products when shopping.
- Give feedback on something you've written.
- Generate a list of everyday uses for AI.

Just remember to check the output yourself, and don't give it sensitive data!



Vision trip details

My visa for Papua New Guinea came in! Oddly enough, I didn't get an email about it. But the visa website has an approved status along with the official document, so... PNG, here I come!

I'm flying out on **October 21st** on Korean Air to Manila, where I'll have 24 hours to tour that city before proceeding on Philippine Airlines to Port Moresby, the capital of PNG. There will be an SIL-operated flight waiting for me there to take me straight to Ukarumpa, the missionary base where I'll be staying for 5 weeks in a friend's house.

In Ukarumpa, I'll be doing some work with the IT team there, observing Bible translation, and generally getting a better idea of whether or not that is where God has called me. I'll also get to meet a number of people in Tyndale and SIL who I've only talked with on video or email.

On **December 1st**, I'll take another SIL flight back to Port Moresby, where Air Niugini will take me to Cairns, Australia. After visiting the Kuranda rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef, I'll fly on Qantas to Uluru/Ayer's Rock for a couple of nights. Then taking Jetstar to Sydney for a few days, and then Fiji Airlines back to Dallas, where I'll arrive back on **December 9th**.

This issue

Vision trip to Papua New Guinea

Churches donating laptops

Still getting a paycheck

Lots of work at work

I'm sorry if that itinerary was too granular, but a number of people are curious about those things, or have suggestions. (And feel free to recommend anything for the trip, since there's still flexibility for the activities in those places.)

You'll definitely hear more about the trip later, though I'm not sure if there will be a November newsletter or not.

Laptop drives

Last newsletter, I talked about doing a laptop drive at my home church for old laptops that I could clean up and send with missionaries going overseas to various language projects around the world. That drive went quite well, with a dozen laptops being donated, plus another one or two which will come later.

A couple of weeks ago, I visited a cowboy church west of Fort Worth, and the pastor told me when I showed up that there were three laptops there for me to refurbish. I was stunned, because I had completely forgotten that I had mentioned it to him! But he had brought it up to his congregation, and there were some people who brought them.

These come at a good time, because as I'm typing up this newsletter, we've just been cleaned out of our old stock. Thank the Lord for his timely provision!

Spiritual Thoughts

Not long ago, I spent some time with a friend who has recently renounced Christianity and walked away from the Lord. During that time, I was praying and wondering how to reach him and win him back to Christ.

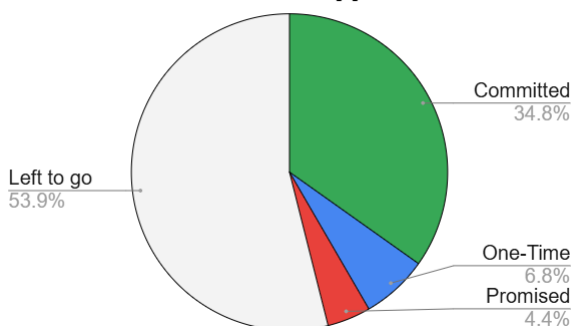
Then at small group, an older woman gave me some advice which helped put my mind at ease. To paraphrase,

“God is the one who is calling him. You just be a good friend.”

It might be humbling or discouraging to know that although God can use us for reaching others, we ultimately have no control in those situations.

On the other hand, that lack of control is also freeing. Knowing that it's between him and God—and knowing that God will do a much better job of calling him than I ever could—lifts the burden of responsibility that I had taken onto my own shoulders, and puts it on Christ's.

Financial Support



Salary “deadline”

October 1st has come and gone. SIL did not drop me from the payroll when the new fiscal year started. My manager submitted the same budget as last year, which included my salary.

Does this mean that I don't have to raise financial support? Have the people who have been giving so far just been bilked out of their money?

Not at all!

The goal is still for me to transition to support so that SIL can use those funds for other projects. The transition will happen at some point before I hit 100%, and the surplus of the support from when I was still drawing a paycheck will sustain me until I can raise the rest.

A huge thank you to all those who are currently supporting me, and I don't take that for granted.

What's going on at work?

People are getting new computers. People are turning in their old computers. People are still having typical computer issues. Needless to say, things are busy! The crunch that I predicted in earlier newsletters is now here.

Did you know?

AI is being utilized in over 400 Bible translations.

I'm allotted a certain amount of time every week to do partner development, write newsletters, reach out to churches, etc. I haven't been using it very much recently, so that I could stay on top of work.

I've also been hesitant to reach out to churches and friends as much, knowing that my PNG trip is approaching, so I probably can't commit to many visits. I have one more church visit on Friday Oct 10th (tonight!), but that's the last one before I leave the country.

Prayer Points

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

- A good, safe trip to Papua New Guinea and Australia.
- 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,
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