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Digital Corner



Here are some time-saving keyboard shortcuts. (Many of these shortcuts can be used with Command instead of CTRL on a Mac.)

CTRL + C and CTRL + V to copy and paste is entry-level.

CTRL + A can be used to select all of the text on a page, or inside a textbox.

left/right can be used inside a textbox to move the cursor... but if you hold down CTRL while doing that, it will jump to the previous or next word. Hold down SHIFT, and it will select text as it moves. And yes, you can combine CTRL + SHIFT + left/right, or combine that with Home or up or Backspace or pg dn, etc.

WIN + - creates an en-dash (–), and WIN + SHIFT + - creates an em-dash (—). Great news for the grammarians out there!

Lastly, WIN + V pulls up clipboard history (or allows you to turn it on).



Laptop Bonanza!

I got an email from the vice president of an investment group. He said that they were getting rid of a number of laptops and asked if we wanted them.

Yes, please!

So on a Friday afternoon a couple of weeks ago, I drove to their office and picked up 63 business-class Dell laptops which were 3–5 years old.

Since then, Ray and I have been tirelessly working to refurbish these laptops and get them ready for new users. Most of them are in good condition, though there are a few which need some extra attention.

During the pandemic, Dell began using a lower quality ink on their keyboards. Thus, a number of these laptops have keyboards which need to be replaced because of worn-off keys. Many laptops also had some sort of cosmetic damage on the exterior, which we didn't bother trying to repair.

The goal is to get most of these laptops to overseas workers who have limited budgets, such as mother tongue translators. I sent out an email to the linguistics center community asking them to please please please come take a laptop or four if they were traveling or were able

to arrange a hand-carry to someone who could use one.

So far, we have given away 29 laptops, which are headed to 11 different countries. A number of the people taking these have said that this came just in time because of a new need that had arisen, or because someone's laptop had broken. I think it's clear that God is using this laptop donation to answer a number of prayers!

If you have any connections to people who are going overseas and can come take them from our hands, please reach out to me and let me know. The recipients don't need to be with SIL in particular. I just ask that they be involved in some sort of ministry.

What else is going on at work?

The laptops are taking up the majority of our time, but here is a bit of insight into what work is often like at the office.

We've hosted a Lunch & Learn technology talk about once a month. Our next talk is next week, and this time, I'm not the one presenting! My manager will talk about digital privacy, so I'll just do the welcome.

Our department has a meeting every morning. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we watch some sort of video on current IT events or training. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, we have Bible

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Spiritual Thoughts

Oftentimes, when we share prayer requests, we pray that God would solve our issues and either solve those problems or take us away from those situations. But that shouldn't be our only reaction.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

— James 1:2–3

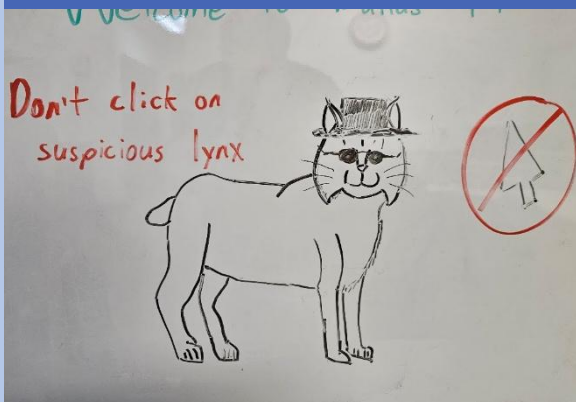
It's tough to remember this in the midst of going through it.

That's why I always remind someone that they should be thankful when I see that they're having a tough time!

(I don't actually do this.)

But there is something to be said for how we pray for ourselves and others when we have tough times.

Trials happen in life, no matter what our attitude is. So I aspire now to still be joyful and thankful when I face those times.



study. I led one this week which went through the ACTS prayer structure—Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. We had a short song clip on each part, read a verse on topic from the Old and New Testaments, and then spent the rest of the time in prayer.

Though an IT department may be stereotyped as antisocial nerds, we are still believers in Christ, and we recognize the importance of relying on Him as we do our part in His service.

I try to come up with a silly little whiteboard comic every week. One of them is above, inspired by a recent phishing attack. (Remember: Don't click on suspicious links!) If you want to see the past ones, I have an album here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/GeeHNqKdFe1EuVNv5> (not suspicious)

Amanda

We're still dating!

We spent some time this last week planning out stops on the road trip through the Southwest that we'll take with Mom and Laura. We managed to get a pretty solid itinerary together, and I'm really looking forward to that trip! (More to come in next newsletter.)

Did you know?

The max size of a modern .pdf is 15 million inches high and wide. That area is slightly smaller than the state of Iowa.

We've added a couple of activities to the list of things that we're able to do long-distance. One is a cooperative puzzle-solving computer game. We've just started, but it's a great low-pressure way for us to figure out our communication dynamic. The other is Worldguesser, which plops you down on Google Street View somewhere in the world, and you have to pick where in the world you think you are.

Prayer Points

Pray for...

- People to take laptops overseas
- Amanda and I to honor God in our relationship
- Discernment about where Amanda and I are called to be long-term.
- For the particular tasks in my work, and that devices would function as they should.
- Connections with small groups and individuals as I raise financial support.

Yours in Christ,
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