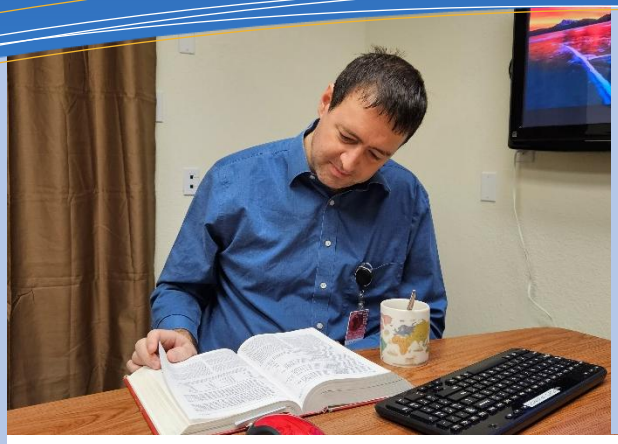
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Digital Corner

Thinking of buying a new device on Cyber Monday or getting someone a nice Christmas gift?

Consumer electronics are getting more expensive, but it's still worth getting something decent. But… what is "decent?"

At the lower price points, you generally get what you pay for. But at the higher end, you start getting specs and features which are largely unnecessary.

I recommend buying refurbished—see my June newsletter—mid-range devices. And despite common online advice, consumer-grade devices (mostly laptops) hold up nearly as well as business-grade devices for routine daily tasks if they aren't taken on a daily commute.

For refurbished recent models, $500–800 is mid-range for laptops. For smartphones, $300–500. For tablets, $250–450. If you spot a good deal, look up what it normally costs.

What's going on at work?

Remember back in August when we received a donation of several dozen laptops to refurbish and send overseas?

We've given them all away now.

Since the start of August, we have sent 78 total laptops to these countries: Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Togo, Uganda, and Vanuatu.

It was a lot of work to process them all, but they are now either overseas or with someone who will be headed overseas soon.

Praise God for the opportunity to provide for His servants!

At the moment, we're down to just a (literal) couple of laptops for people who need a device for a language project or for new mother tongue translators.

As people acquire new devices, they turn in their organization-owned computers to us, which is primarily where we get that stock of laptops. That doesn't happen quickly though, so pray that God would provide for *us*, so that we can provide to others.

I spoke with two churches who would be willing to do a laptop drive in February/March next year, which is nice, but farther out than I was hoping. So I called up the pastor of another church, and he said that he'll try to get something together in two weeks! Pray that this goes well and that we have laptops to give to projects that need them.

I finished my final Lunch & Learn lecture, which covered traveling with technology and the different technological services that we (and other departments) provide in SIL.

Financial support

Since my income is provided by others, I value transparency in finances. This is so that I can be accountable, and also to let you know my needs (which are pretty much taken care of right now).

I am currently at about 95% of my financial support goal. Of course, once Amanda and I are married, we'll have to figure out a new budget.

On the plus side, we won't have multiple rent payments. And since I walk to work, we'll only need one car.

On the other hand, Amanda is switching from Wycliffe Bible Translators to Tyndale, so her supporters will need to each change their giving from Wycliffe to Tyndale. That

Spiritual Thoughts

In Luke 4, Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

The year of the Lord's favor is also called the Jubilee, from Leviticus 25:10–13.

I've known about this for decades, but something new struck me recently. I heard the song "Jubilee" by Michael Card, with the chorus:

> *Jubilee*
> *Jesus is that Jubilee*
> *Debts forgiven, slaves set free*
> *Jesus is our Jubilee*

And it hit me: Jesus didn't just proclaim the jubilee for those in his lifetime.

That song made Jesus's words personal.

He proclaimed the Jubilee for you and me as well!



A team in Mexico with their laptops

Did you know?

Corneas are the only part of the body with no blood supply. They get oxygen directly from the air.

could take a while, and it's possible that her supporters may revise their giving amounts (either up or down).

And then there are all of the other random expenses for a newlywed couple that I haven't even started to consider.

Considering all of that, do we need to raise more support?

No clue. I'll let you know when we've figured that out.

Wedding planning

I know why most of you are reading this newsletter! Now that you've read through the official business on the front, here are some more details on the wedding!

Recap: Amanda and I got engaged in October. We'll be married on January 30th at her home church in Wisconsin.

We have been doing premarital counseling with Amanda's home pastor, who will be the one to marry us. We're doing it via video call, since I'm in a different state than they are.

The guest list, invitations, and registry are all *mostly* finished. Amanda has taken the lead on that, plus most of the other planning as well.

Once the honeymoon is over, we've figured out where we will live. There is some SIL-owned housing across the street from the linguistics center, and the housing director already has our name put down for one of the units there.

Overall, planning is going smoothly, though there's still lots to come.

Prayer Points

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

- Wedding planning!
- Guidance in leading the apologetics small group with missionary kids.
- Getting a laptop drive together so that we can provide laptops to overseas projects.
- 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.
- For the last few bits of financial support to come in.

Yours in Christ,
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