

This verse poster and the two other photo verse posters were photographed and designed by my friend Hilary Carne, Australia, 2022.

This was not a letter I wanted to write.... I'm disconnecting from The Word for the World (TWFTW). We were misaligned. Instead, I'm joining Tyndale Bible Translators (TBT). With God's help, I am continuing to look after my Mom here in East Texas while pressing on with (virtual) development and deployment of the StoryProducer Adv (SPAdv) app. And other apps, it seems. This is God's calling for me during this season of life. Please see the "Money Matters" info box at the end of this letter for how to move forward with financially supporting me and this ministry via [Tyndale Bible Translators](#).

The Longer Story

Cul-de-sacs. Have you ever been on a journey, trying to follow directions, and halfway there, you turn down a street that ends up being a cul-de-sac? There is no through way. It's a dead end. The only thing to do is to turn around and get back on the road that will lead to your destination.

Two months ago, after interviews and research and prayer and multiple emails, I joined another Bible Translation organization called The Word for the World (TWFTW). After joining, I began zooming and dialoguing with various leaders in the org about literacy and Scripture Engagement topics (and apps) and how I could plug in to assist with empowering nationals around the world with their language development, Bible translation and literacy endeavors. The CEO flew me up to their small USA headquarters in Colorado Springs for a few days of further informal face-to-face orientation and dialogue. That trip turned out to be very illuminating ... and very disappointing. As we dialogued, it became clear that we had quite different definitions for values such as "innovative", "empowering", "flexible". I realized that I was misaligned with TWFTW on a number of specifics. And what I had to offer was not welcome after all. (The CEO wanted me to be absolutely mute with TWFTW members regarding all of the apps.) It seemed that I had turned into a cul-de-sac.

Disappointed. Discouraged. Confused. Ready to give up. Lord? Please guide me. Where are we going? What was that detour all about?

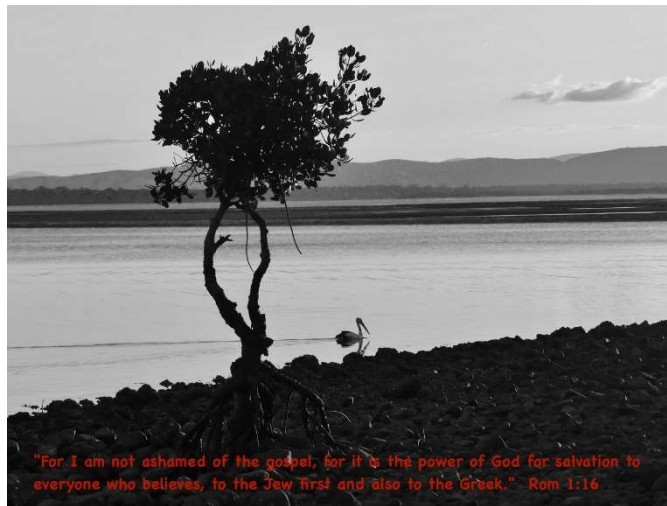
As I stepped back to try and get some clarity, several things happened:



- The Lord sent several messengers with messages like, "You might be feeling weary, but **do not give up!**" "Wait on Me. I am your Helper. **I will lift you up** to soar on eagle's wings."
- The Lord reassured me of his presence and help by answering some very specific prayers for several "little things". (Lord, help me to see my favorite pen that I could find. Lord, help me to find the right shaped stone to put in

this particular position for the flagstone patio I'm rebuilding. Lord, help me to successfully negotiate firmly setting the blocks in this complicated corner for the retaining wall I'm rebuilding. Lord, send some muscular to help me clear away these old railroad tie retaining walls. Lord, send somebody with a pickup truck to take away these piles of firewood that are sitting in my yard (from trimming giant oak trees). Lord, help a secure website get built for the SPadv app.) **He did. In every situation.** For example, StoryProducer.website .

- Through this disappointing cul-de-sac detour, the Lord crystalized in my heart and mind that he had called me – for me it was a mandate -- to push forward with developing and deploying apps that will bring the Gospel and make it palatable for the unreached and least reached small remote nations of the world who still have no accessible Bible content in their languages. To step back from this calling would, for me, be tantamount to being ashamed of the Good News about Jesus Messiah.

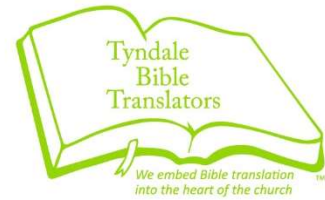


- The Lord gave me a vision (nothing spooky – just the idea and how it could work) for the design of yet another workflow management app: an oral-based Bible translation tool with in-app exegetical tools for the users.



**Your Word, O Lord, is more desirable than gold,
even better than glittering gold;
Your Word is sweeter than honey,
even better than honey from the comb.**

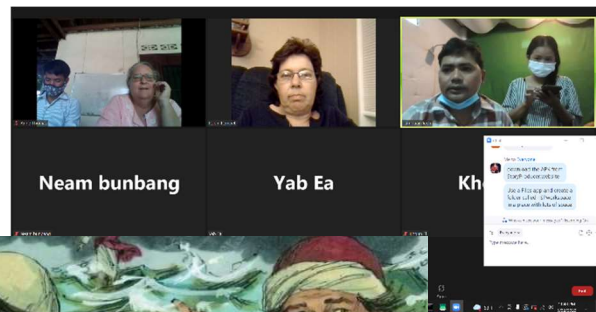
So, I've been researching mission agencies again, revisiting in more detail and with wider open eyes, some of the agencies that I only gave a passing glance at before. The small, family-sized [Tyndale Bible Translators \(TBT\)](#) agency has been very responsive and welcoming. They are also eager to welcome, own and partner with all the apps God has called me to design and deploy. I've known the founders of TBT since my early days working in Papua New Guinea. They are good peeps. And I have connections with several other TBT members. They are careful about doing things right, God honoring, humble, strategic, prayerful, innovative, flexible, interdependent, genuine. I think we're going to get along fine.



And, of course, I will continue to network and partner with folks who are with other missions. For example ...

Training YWAMers to use SPadv for literacy

These weeks I'm burning the midnight oil to zoom with folks in SE Asia (12 hours ahead of Texas) who want to utilize SPadv for their literacy efforts ... producing Bible story videos with subtitles ... like automated audio books with pictures. **Pray for us!** Sometimes connectivity issues are challenging. **Pray that the accessible Bible content will pierce hearts and bring people to the Savior.**



Teaming up with TECH

This last month the Lord has directed me to reach out to Tech Team Advantage, a techie mission whose purpose is to support other ministries with their technical and design needs. They have started to assist with managing and developing the SPadv software alongside the other volunteers. **Pray for the techie team** to be successful in hooking up the remote send-and-receive of audio and text files so that Accuracy Checking of Bible content can be done remotely where an Accuracy Checker is not available locally.



His, *Robin*

Money Matters

For those of you who are financial partners with me, you will want to immediately stop giving via TWFTW, and **begin giving via [Tyndale Bible Translators](#)** PO Box 922 Blackfoot, ID 83221; 971-231-4196 (call or text) Office@TyndaleBT.org. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to drop me a line. Text me at [980-263-0334](tel:980-263-0334) or email me at robinrempel61@gmail.com. You can delete my RRempel@twftw.org email. It will be going away soon.

