HOWE THINGS ARE...

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Happy New Year!

If you live in Arizona: I'm coming to Phoenix this month and hope to see you.*

Did you know that the number of languages with a complete Bible grew by 18 last year? The number of language groups with access to the complete Word of God is over 500 (531).

If you made a financial gift to Wycliffe last month, in that letter they include with your receipt was a story: The Whole Bible for the Kuna. A US church prayed for and supported the Kuna translation project so the four Kuna translators traveled to that church for a dedication service for the completed Kuna Bible. The church has a bookcase containing Bibles from language projects where they'd been involved. There was a moment when the four translators came up to the front of the auditorium and replaced the Kuna New Testament in the bookcase (where it had lain for 18 years) with the newly completed entire Kuna Bible. Many were in tears at this point. They recognized that they were witnessing something that had never existed before -- the Word of God, the full counsel of God, available to the Kuna people. The work of translation is done and the Bible is now in the hands of the Kuna people... a good place to be. Would you pray quickly right now for the Kuna people and thank God that He is always faithful to His word? God's Word is now planted in the Kuna community and will accomplish all God wants it to accomplish. Also, thanks for the part God's given us in getting his complete Word to the Kuna people.

You could pray for

- Wisdom at work
- Improvement as a listener. It's amazing what I learn when I'm able to listen to people and to remember to ask questions. I want to be a better listener.
- Logistics for my Arizona trip: that it would be directed by God and not just my desire to visit people. Pray for good connections with people, safe travel, and for my home church hosting their International Weekend.
- Praise God for a new year. I like new: how God makes all things new. A new year is a fantastic reminder that God is now and has been redeeming the world ...and me: making what is spoiled clean, what was lost found, what was dead: alive!

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And also, would you let me know how I can be praying for you? And also any tips to be a better listener?

^{*}If you don't live in Arizona, I'm going there and also, I'd love to see you too. North Carolina is beautiful: plan your trip now.