

# HOWe THINGS ARE... June 2016

I went to Thailand last month for a delegate conference for work. I've never been to Thailand. Should you desire to make me happy, you could just send me on a trip to a new place.

I've also never been to our organization's delegate conference. It was an opportunity to hear about and to participate in God's work in Bible translation in the world. We know, but don't always get to experience, that we're part of something much bigger than us (bigger than our organization too). Having representatives like that, all of us gathered together, this diverse group of people from all over: that was neat and made it clear how we're all in this together. Whoever dreamed up this idea that our organization needs to physically meet (representatives at least) regularly (it's every four years): that was an excellent idea.



I also got a ton of public speaking practice last month after I returned from Thailand. Normally my job involves some giving presentations. Last month was an unusual amount of those type of things. I would now like to retreat to a hut on a beach all by myself for a while.

And, last month I volunteered to coordinate the Scripture Celebration for 2016. It's an event in September to celebrate that the Word of God has arrived for the first time ever in language communities. I think it's the coolest thing (not just because I'm coordinating it). The fact that there are language communities without God's Word is incredibly motivating to you and me to be involved in Wycliffe. AND because of the work of Wycliffe and other organizations involved in Bible translation, actual Scripture: written books, digital forms and audio forms is now available to people in their own language. It's a reason to celebrate. It reminds us again of the people still waiting AND makes us grateful for those who do have access to Scripture in their own language. I'd love it if you would pray for that event and the planning of it. Pray also for those translated scriptures to be used so that communities and individuals come to know the God who made a way for us to know Him.



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Finally last month (it was quite the month), I decided to share about my health challenges (chronic kidney disease diagnosed last year\*) with my department. Some work people knew but most didn't, which was nice because people didn't treat me any differently at work. Pray that work people still treat me just regular now "it's out". And also, pray for healing --- happily, God is perfectly capable of healing kidneys and any other broken body parts.



\*My health details are available: I've been updating a blog. The password is trust.

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