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It's slow. Translating the Bible. And there are many languages to do... Of the 7,000 languages actively in use in the world, just 554 have the entire Word of God available...



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That leaves a lot of Bible translation work yet to be done.

Initiatives come up that have the promise of speeding things up (speeding things up while still producing an accurate, quality translation) and then it's still slow.

There are thousands of people involved in Bible translation. Bible translators, linguists, and support people like me and you. And yet... it's still slow.

God's timing is not our timing. Maybe this is a situation where I need to have patience. I decided it is not. Yes, God could miraculously remove obstacles stopping the progress of Bible translation and yes, God is sovereignly in control. ...And... I think we're meant to be impatient at the progress --- dissatisfied with the number of people still waiting for God's Word in their own language.

I know... I have just excused my dissatisfaction... which seems like a bad thing... but I think it's not really.

Meanwhile, I love fall. It's stunning and it doesn't even matter that fall means winter and cold is coming and it's going to be dark earlier, which is rather depressing. It's pretty now.

Work is going well... except for the part about wishing for the pace of translation to increase. Last month on a Friday and Saturday we held a conference for IT people interested in missions. One couple started the process to join Wycliffe on Monday and a second couple started on Tuesday. That was encouraging! Thanks for praying for more IT people.

Thanks for praying for an end to the work (because everyone has God's Word in their language) and that God will make us to be more and more dissatisfied (in a good way). Thanks for the beauty of the place I get to live and the people I get to work with, and for the opportunity I have and you have to participate in God's work in the world, in bringing more worshippers to himself so that he may be more glorified in us.

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