

HOWe THINGS ARE...

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Hello! Okay, so I moved. Whilst moving, I tripped, tried very hard not to drop the box I was carrying and ended up landing on my foot funny-like. It's not broken (confirmed this by driving to Monroe, ½ hour away for xrays), but something got torn. Whatever it is that got torn will apparently take a month to get fixed. Meanwhile I discovered I have very little patience for these types of things. I have one pair of shoes that I can sort of fit my foot into. I'm extremely tired of hobbling around (the clinic people gave me crutches but told me I should not use crutches unless it's real far I have to walk); I'm tired of my one pair of shoes I can wear and I'm frustrated that I can't do stuff.

End section where I complain about my foot

I am so very excited about my new house. It has this real long driveway and it's back in the woods so there's sort of the tunnel effect with the trees on both sides. I'm currently pretending like this is actually my house (which it sort of is, seeing as how it is where I live).

Listen to this month's interesting life lesson. It's a work thing so I won't include details here in the text of the story (but will fit them in elsewhere¹ so you don't think I'm making stuff up and/or really don't know what I'm doing...).

The other day, we're discussing our software. The discussion was basically "I sure wish the manufacturer would add #this# to the software". I think, "Sure, wouldn't that be nice, but they didn't add #this#, so oh well". The NEXT day, the manufacturer sends an email announcement to customers saying that the latest version is ready to be released and the latest version includes the feature we were wishing for. So I think to myself, that would make a great story if only I had prayed the day before. If the story was: we wished for a feature, we prayed for a feature and then we got it the next day... that would be great. But I didn't pray so, alas, not a good story.

Here's the thing though (well, thing #1 anyway). God answered a prayer I didn't even think to pray (and I'm just including myself because for all I know one of my more spiritually minded coworkers prayed which wrecks my whole point). The point being, God isn't playing games with us. God didn't play "but you didn't say the magic word" before He met my need (or in this case, maybe not even a need, a desire). Thing #2 is that I really should be praying more. How come when I had a need, it didn't even occur to me to pray about it? I was all ready to just deal with things the way they were and God had a better way.

Now, I'm thinking (as opposed to the other day when I wasn't thinking)... there are some other features I want. I'm praying for those. It's a small manufacturer so I know the names of some of the project managers who are leading the programming teams. I thought, hey, I can pray for them too. They think they're just doing their jobs making enhancements to their software. Ha! Little do they know they're helping make Bible translation happen.

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Stuff to pray about...

- **Praise** for my temporary new house I love.
- **Praise** for the medical folks willing to staff the Wycliffe clinic. They, in addition to providing care for my hurt foot, provide the physicals and vaccinations that folks going overseas need. (for way cheap!)
- **Pray** for me to remember how very exciting it is to be here, doing what God called me to do. *Finally, dear brothers and sisters, I ask you to pray for us. Pray first that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes... (2 Thessalonians 3:1)*
- **Pray** for people God is preparing right now to fill critical roles in Wycliffe. Pray for them to be open to God's leading and for boldness and encouragement as they follow God.

¹**Boring details...** The software works really well for the services we bought it to perform (basic email). It has some extras, like mailing lists and web hosting, that don't work so well because they're extras. ...because... If you want good mailing lists or web hosting services, then use mailing list software or web hosting software, not email software. However, they're services that benefit our members so we use 'em. The feature in question was the web hosting service. It currently has a clunky web interface that users have to deal with to upload files to their websites because there's no FTP access (or anything else). The latest version has an FTP module with security features.

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