

HOWe THINGS ARE...

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My new to me car someone donated to me!

**Sheryl's 2012
Cross-Country
Road Trip**

- (a) **Praise** God for the **provision** of a car (which for those keeping track is replacing a car that served me well and was also a donation to me).
How cool is that?
- (b) **Praise** God for the **opportunity** to take **time** to drive cross-country
I realize a lot of people wouldn't be super-excited about an epic road-trip but I'm really, really looking forward to a few days to do nothing other than drive and listen to books I meant to read but haven't had the time. I think this represents a little bit of a personality quirk...
- (c) **Pray** for **safety** traveling and good **visits** with people in Arizona (pre-road trip)
I really like visiting AZ except the part about how I always run out of time.

"They told us not to bother translating the Bible into their language because they hated it after years of being mocked by the surrounding peoples, and being told that they babbled like monkeys. I can remember in our early years, describing the complexity and beauty of their language to them – they had just assumed it was a very simple language because they learnt it so easily! We taught them that all people are made in God's image, and that God is the author of music and song and beauty and so they could use all of those things to return glory to Him.

So yes, it was a very special day for us seeing happy, celebrating people --- now proud of their heritage and having God's Word in their language."

-Robert Hunt, one of the Matigsalug (mah-tig-sah-loog) Bible translators. On the July 22, 2011 Bible dedication, Mindanao island, Philippines

Work-related things...

- **Praise** God for the provision of a needed help desk guy. I have two now... one is a temp guy waiting on a visa to serve in Brazil and new guy is starting. Yay for multiple help desk guys.
Pray for new guy (Richard) to come up to speed quickly.
- **Praise** that Hardware Repair guy Jon is now in the Philippines talking to people about how we in the US can support Asia people better.
Pray for his family while he's away (last time Jon was away from his family, he had a bike accident. His wife and small children are wanting him to return home injury-free this trip). **Pray** also for a good outcome to those meetings.
- **Pray** for wisdom and good work relationships... and that I could manage to stay healthy... also a maybe trip to India for me in March...
- **Praise** God that the Matigsalug people can now read in their own language how to have a personal relationship with God.

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