

## HOWe THINGS ARE...

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Mile 18: I am completely exhausted. I'd been struggling the past 12 miles and right now, I can't run anymore. My legs feel like jelly. I don't think my ankles can hold me up. I just can't. I can't

keep running. I can't move my body another eight miles. I'm considering how disappointing this is. Having trained for so long to have to quit. But realistically, I can't keep going. And then seriously from out of nowhere, I decided, "I don't care if I have to walk the whole way to the finish line, I am doing this. I don't care how long it takes, I am going to finish." As I kept going, it got even harder. I didn't even consider quitting. I decided, "I don't care if I have to crawl, I will finish". Who knew this about me? Finishing a marathon is unbelievable. I tried to describe it to someone and I came up with, "It was so hard... like... it was like running a marathon". Maybe the hardest and the coolest thing I've ever done.



In other news: I have a new phone number.

**704-765-2002**

This is fantastic. I no longer care that I don't get cell phone reception at my house. This number rings both my cell phone and my new house phone (yay for GoogleVoice). And I can call people from inside my house, anywhere inside. I don't have to stand near a window or walk outside. But wait, there's more, my cell phone contract expired so I switched to a no-contract carrier, with whom I get the same coverage AND text for 2/3 the price. I can now stop being annoyed with unsuspecting, kind people who text me. Phone wise, things are looking very nice in my world.

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In work news: I am super excited about an interesting chain of events that led to a bit of shuffling, which ultimately led to IT having a sharper focus. IT in Wycliffe has been around a long time. It's easy to keep doing things and hard to make tough decisions. Put together a string of events and the decisions you should've made seven years ago may get made for you. I'd like to think we (I) learned from this experience so that the next time I'm presented with a similar situation, I don't have to be forced into the decision. This leads to work related prayer requests:

- I inherited the group who will be focused on providing remote IT support. It's more a list of open positions than a group. Pray for the provision of people, especially a qualified, enthusiastic help desk person (or two).
- Pray for this group's efforts to connect with remote IT people. One of the four (Jon) will be making a trip to the Philippines in January. Pray for him to make some good connections and to come up with effective strategies for connecting with and providing support to remote IT staff.
- Thank God for (1) talented, creative people passionate about Bible translation, (2) orchestrating events to position IT to be even more effective in service to Bible translation, and (3) that I get to be in it. It never gets old – reflecting on the work I'm so privileged to be a part of (because of you). That people who don't yet have a Bible in their language will get God's Word sooner rather than later.

