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***But Jesus replied, "My Father is always working, and so am I."  
John 5:17, NLT***

## Partners

### Jim Finishes up Again

Sometime in February, Jim plans to wrap up and turn in his findings from this most recent Greek project. Increased pain levels have interfered with his ability to concentrate during this period. Still, God is working and bringing about His desired ends. You could ask God to show Jim what He has for him next.

### Dorothea's Role

It's a constant joy to thank people for their gifts to Bible translation projects, pray with them for challenges they face, and help them find just the right project for their giving. Apparently, God has equipped me to encourage others on the phone, through emails, and by letters. Throughout our lives, Our Father is always working to prepare us for the good works He designed for us to do beforehand.

### Expediting Bible Translation

When Jim and I began our career with Wycliffe some 38 years ago, a New Testament translation, often with Old Testament portions, took a lifetime. Today translations move along at various speeds, but according to Andrew Fleming, recent translation starts take an average of 6 to 8 years to complete a clear, accurate translation.

In 1999 a new translation started on average every *three weeks*. In 2016 a new translation started every *three days*. And that was five years ago, with acceleration continuing! What has brought about this incredible change? Here are just four contributing factors.

Each picture below to learn shows one way God is working to expedite Bible translation.

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## 1. Teamwork & Cutting Edge Technology:

Working together with *Paratext*, and other cutting-edge software, can help translation teams spend more time doing what only a human speaker can do: deal with the unpredictable and unique differences that occur between languages.



## 2. SpaceX Satellites

Having access to high-speed internet, via a Spacelink satellites, allows translators in remote regions to transmit their work as soon as it's complete. Imagine the benefits of fewer treks by foot, bus, train, and airplane! They are so time-consuming, exhausting, and expensive. Here's a picture of one satellite launch – they orbit the whole earth!



### 3. God is Calling People with Critical Skills

Many skilled people who, by all accounts, were working in their dream jobs were dissatisfied until they could devote their skills to God's Kingdom work. Now they have the freedom to innovate and push the boundaries of technology more than ever before!



### 4. Churches Lead & Agencies Collaborate

For the past few years, we've seen local churches all over the globe take increased ownership of translation projects. But in one area, a group of churches finished New Testaments in not one, but in *forty different languages*, and then came to Wycliffe! They wanted help in checking for clarity, accuracy, and publication. The project's motivation and execution all came from within, not from outside.

Other movements of God were not even on our radar. For instance, several mission organizations are now dedicating members to do Bible translation when that had never been their focus before -- [YWAM is one prime example!](#)



## Praise and Prayer Requests

- Praise God that He is moving in new and effective ways to reach people with His life-giving Word -- so exciting!
- Please ask The Great Physician to heal our eldest daughter, Liz, from her suffering that seems to be getting more varied and severe. Lately, she has been confined to bed and in great pain.
- Please ask God to lead our son, Will, and his wife, Jodi, as they move from South Carolina to Orlando, along with Jodi's mom.
- Please also pray for wisdom and courage for our younger daughter, Evangel, in her work as a nurse with all of the pandemic's challenges.
- Praise the Lord with us that our prayer and financial partner team is so faithful! *Please send us prayer YOUR requests!*
- Thank the Lord that He has made us able to celebrate 50 years of serving Him together.

