

We wish you a blessed new year, far better than the last! God is still in control! We will not forget all of you who have had a part in our work to get this message to every tribe, language, people and nation through the years, through prayer, financial contributions, and your encouragement.

Both of us regularly ponder the incredible kindness of God to have put us in Wycliffe, SIL and later Dallas International University and to have you in that work in partnership with us. We tried to listen to God's voice and follow what He asked us to do, and He has blessed the result far more than was reasonable to expect. People we mentored over the years are taking our ideas as starting points for many valuable new initiatives in Scripture Engagement. Thank you for being an important part of this Bible translation movement.

You just can't outgive God! That has turned out to be true in our life; as He provided for us through you during those years of focusing on His work, God is still providing. You are still a key part of this ongoing movement facilitating the use of the Scriptures in every language. Many of our partners have graduated, cheering us all on from heaven.

Yes, we retired officially in October 2020 after 60 years with Wycliffe, and our pace has slowed down. However, here are some of our current part-time volunteer roles. Each of these are a joy:

Wayne turned all the leadership roles over to others; now when he is asked to take on a role, he usually suggests others who are up to date and have more years yet to serve. Now we are volunteer encouragers who continue to clarify Scripture Engagement where we can in WBT and other organizations.

Wayne is still part of a team preparing to teach Scripture Engagement in a non-credit online course. He is also part of another team developing a web app to help pastors make wise choices of Scripture Engagement activities. His third role is assisting a little in a DIU graduate SE Practicum. He also takes some opportunities to present key ideas in local conferences and articles.

Sally continues to put her focus on keeping us fed and healthy. She has little energy but hires students to help with housework. Sally also continues her in-depth Bible research tying prophesy and Revelation. She has drafted a book to clarify her thoughts, though organizing, checking and possible publication leave a lot of work ahead.

We have stayed relatively healthy for our ages. We have a long list of medical issues including one spot of skin cancer and slow loss of eyesight for me and constant fatigue and memory loss for Sally. However, we are still able to live at home and enjoy our time together. We both got fully vaccinated for covid and

other illnesses when they became available and use masks and social distancing where we think they are prudent. We wish we could visit distant friends but are limited to phone and Zoom.

God has sent two wonderful relatives into our lives this year:

Matt, the 30-year-old son of Jamey and Cheryl, left a job in Portland when the company failed and found a job here immediately. Matt chose to live in Dallas to help Sally with cooking and me with house maintenance chores. He is a serious and thoughtful Christian and a joy to have around. Thank you, Matt, for many things, including making it unnecessary for us to downsize and move.

Janie Tomes is our 8-month-old great granddaughter. Sarah and Trey now live in north Dallas, so we get to see this beautiful and precocious and fun star of the show whenever we get together. She lights up our lives.

We are seeing many answers to prayer through our church here and our Bible study support group. We continue to need wisdom as we enjoy and encourage each of our children and grandchildren.

In these difficult times, pray that people everywhere will not be drawn away from hope and faith in Jesus, especially in this season of celebration of His first coming.



