

Letters from Lisa

Serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators - November 2018



Program Season



Celebrating Roland & Jeannie Walker
45 years with Wycliffe, Photo by Mark Borland

The Connection programs are designed to provide a caring environment, to celebrate how God is using our colleagues, to help renew their passion and vision for the Bibleless, and to assist them as they connect with the people and services available through the Orlando office. In the typical year, we will host four or five programs for those who reside primarily overseas and then four programs for those who reside primarily in the United States. In 2018, 148 adults and 80 of their missionary kids (MKs) came through Orlando during the Connection programs.

We hosted two groups of colleagues for Connections last month. One of our joys is to celebrate them by acknowledging their years of service with Wycliffe. The experience of those at the Wycliffe Stateside Connection ranged from a "low" of 27 years to a "high" of 45 years of service! What an

encouragement to spend a week with those who have committed their lives to Scripture translation. We always hear stories of God's faithfulness to them, all along their journey.

Next week, the entire Development~Orientation~Training (DOT) team will be off-site for meetings. More than half of our team of 34 people are not based in Orlando, so it will be great to have some face-to-face time together. Then the next program we host in Orlando will be January 12-25, 2019, Equip new missionary orientation.

Personal Update

All the pre-operative appointments are complete. Surgery for a left total hip replacement is set for **Monday, November 19, 11:00am**. One of my co-workers will send a brief update later that day to let you know how things went. It's anticipated that I will spend two nights in the hospital and then head home with in-home health services for the next two weeks. My colleagues from the Orlando office are planning to provide meals for me... and that will let them come check up on me, too! Between now and then, pray that I am able to stay well. Florida is about to get a cold (for us!) snap, down into the 40s, and my sinuses may not react positively!

My post-operative appointment will be December 5. Depending on the speed of my recovery, my goal is still to be in Indiana for a good part of December. I'd appreciate your prayers that I be faithful to the physical therapy plan that will be set for me and that I will take the time to heal well. I will be on "intermittent leave" from Wycliffe through the Family & Medical Leave Act (FMLA) until January 4, which means I am able to take the time I need to rest and recuperate, but I can resume some work as I am able.

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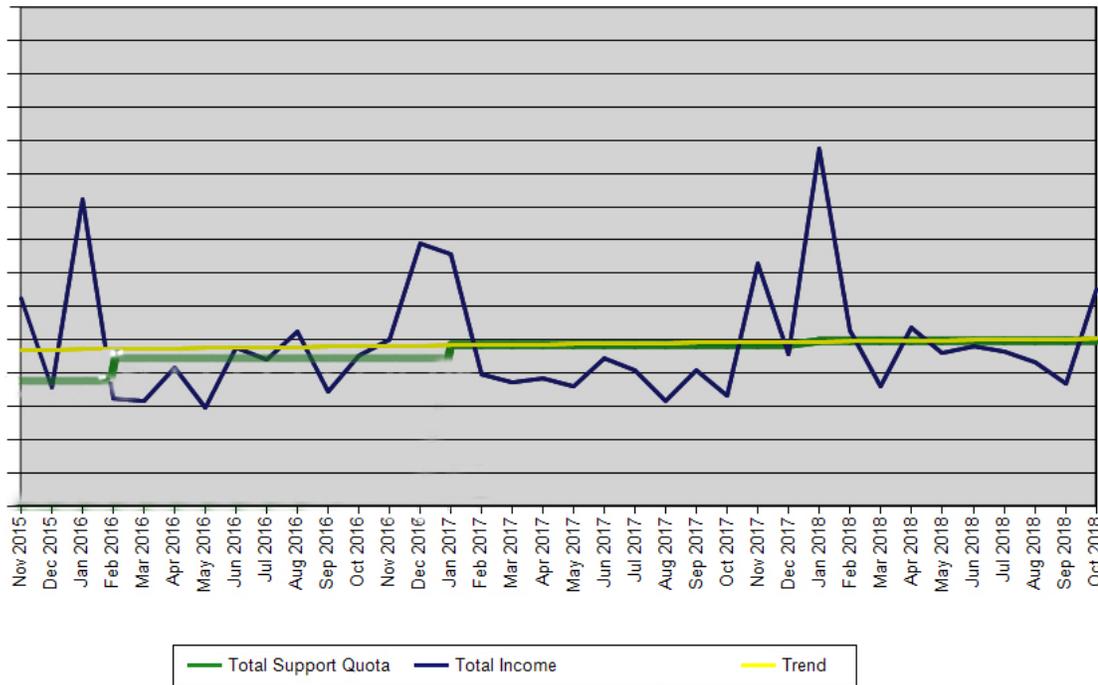




Financial Update

Each year, there are changes to the budget Wycliffe has established for me: ministry expenses, insurance costs, retirement savings requirements, and cost-of-living adjustments. The graphic below shows my financial status for the past three years.

- Green - the budget Wycliffe has established
- Blue - the way the funds have actually come in
- Yellow - the trend over time



You might recall that there was a gap of about \$300/month last November. Through your faithful prayers and gifts, God has been providing. Since then, funds coming in have consistently met the budget Wycliffe has established and no gap exists. *Praise God!* I am so very grateful for your investment in Bible translation!

Your faithful partnership permits me to continue with Wycliffe. As we celebrate *eight years* serving together in this way, **thank you** for being a HUGE part of seeing that the Bible is available to all in a language and form they understand best.

For the Bibleless,

Lisa

Praise! & Prayer

Praise!...for those who faithfully serve God wherever He has placed them.

Pray for the DOT meetings, Nov 12-16, for renewal and reconnection.

Praise!...for completed pre-operative appointments.

Pray for good health until the surgery date.

Praise!...for FMLA which facilitates time for a good recovery.

Pray for a smooth surgery and recovery.

Praise!...for a complete ministry budget.

