

# Phil's News: *February 2009*

Working with Wycliffe UK  
[philprior.co.uk/mylife](http://philprior.co.uk/mylife)

---

## **A NEW JOB**

**On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 I'm starting a new job with Wycliffe UK as their Head of Marketing!**

The end of January has come around very quickly. I have to admit that I'm not sure I'm completely prepared for all the changes that are ahead, but it's probably too late now to turn back and, to be honest, I'm not sure that I'd want to.

For those of you who feel out of the loop and aren't sure what is going on I'll try to bring you up to speed here. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 I begin a new job with Wycliffe UK. I'm moving to a hamlet (it's smaller than a village) called Horsleys Green, near High Wycombe, to take the position of Head of Marketing.

Wycliffe is a charity that today is involved with almost 80% of all Bible translation projects taking place around the world. Very often the volunteers (most of the people working with Wycliffe are volunteers and not paid staff) are working with communities who don't even have a written version of their language. The Wycliffe members go into these communities, agree with the community what they are going to do, learn the local language, develop a written alphabet and grammatical rules, draft one book of the Bible in partnership with members of the community, start literacy classes, and so on, until the whole of the New Testament is available in that language. As you can imagine this is not a quick job and many people give the majority of their adult lives to work with one group on a project.

Fortunately for all involved I'm not going to be doing translation work, my role is based around the marketing and promotion of Wycliffe and what its members do. However, my success, or failure, will have a very direct impact on the work of many of the translation teams.

A summary of what I will be involved in doing includes:

- Direct management of a small staff team
- Managing Wycliffe's relationships with some external organisations.
- Improving internal communications.
- Growing and improving Wycliffe's external communications to give people the resources to be able to pray for the organisation; to talk about the work Wycliffe do; knowledgably support the work of Wycliffe and possibly consider volunteering themselves.

Four bullet points looks like a very straightforward task, but I know this is going to be a huge job which will require another level of dedication from me. On top of that there's this whole wedding thing to organise [more of that later].



Tany and Phil

So I start on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009. Moving from Southampton to my new home takes place that weekend and I'm planning to be at the Above Bar Church, Church Life Day at Hounslow School on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. From then on I'm going to be back and forth between Southampton and High Wycombe until I get married on the 16<sup>th</sup> May.

## **GETTING MARRIED**

---

**Not only do I have a new job, but on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009 I'm getting married**

Chances are that if you're reading this then you probably know that I'm getting married in May. I'll try not to bore you with the details of everything involved in organising a wedding either. However, I will mention that the numerous offers of help that have been given

have been a real help and taken quite a lot of stress out of the organising.

If you want to keep up to date with news on the wedding you can visit our website at:

[www.philprior.co.uk/wedding](http://www.philprior.co.uk/wedding)

Of course, this also means that my move to Wycliffe is having an effect on more than my life, so please pray for Tany through all the changes.

---

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

---

I can't do this on my own. As I mentioned earlier, most people who work for Wycliffe are volunteers. I'm in the same position and will have to raise personal financial support for the duration of my time working at the Horsleys Green centre.

If you feel that you could give towards my financial support I would be extremely grateful. Wycliffe will manage an account for me, enabling UK citizens in work to claim gift-aid on any donations that they make.

If you would like to support me you can obtain more information on how to do this through the Wycliffe website,

[www.wycliffe.org.uk/getinvolved\\_give.html](http://www.wycliffe.org.uk/getinvolved_give.html)

Alternatively, my own website has some additional information,

[www.philprior.co.uk/mylife](http://www.philprior.co.uk/mylife)

Please don't worry about the size of the gift you are able to give. Each donation will contribute towards my life at Horsleys Green and will help to support both Tany and myself.

---

## **PRAYER SUPPORT**

---

*"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere."* Eph 6:18

I would appreciate your prayers for the following:

- Safe travel for the many journeys between Southampton and High Wycombe.
  - Good relationships with new colleagues.
  - That I would quickly make friends and settle into my new home.
  - Wisdom to know when to work and when to rest.
  - For Tany and my relationship as we prepare for the wedding and spend a lot of time apart.
  - That my skills would be a real benefit to Wycliffe and my contributions would be valuable.
- 

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

---

Website: [www.philprior.co.uk/mylife](http://www.philprior.co.uk/mylife)  
E-mail: [news@philprior.co.uk](mailto:news@philprior.co.uk)

Address: Pike A  
The Wycliffe Centre  
Horsleys Green  
High Wycombe  
Bucks  
HP14 3AF