

Priors' Periodical...

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Dear all

Wow, what a month! In some ways it feels as though so much has been achieved, in other ways it's as though we've hardly kept up with all that's going on.

The biggest news of the month is that Tany has managed to secure a full-time physiotherapy job in Harrow. It has been a painful process, taking much longer than both of us had hoped, but after having interviews for two separate jobs on the same day (and being offered both jobs) Tany has accepted a role based at Northwick Park hospital and starts there on the 30th November.

The job is as a Rapid Response Physiotherapist, working in the Harrow area of West London. She'll be visiting patients at home, assessing their condition and be either providing, or recommending, the best course of treatment for them. I'm really pleased for her because the thought of having to go back into a nursing role full-time wasn't appealing at all – for either of us.

Things at Wycliffe have been busy too. We have a new logo which will start to appear over the next few weeks, and a new website has been commissioned. That means that we (I) have to produce guidelines for other people to make the best use of the new materials and will need to transfer much of the content of the current website onto the new design.

I have also been going out and about to various events and taking up various speaking engagements. This month I've been at Global Connections with David Couchman, talking to mission organisations about how to use Social Media for their communications; and to Tonbridge Methodist church to preach and talk about the work of Wycliffe.



The next month...

To be honest with you, instead of quietening down for Christmas, things are likely to be getting more hectic. We have to prepare all our materials for the change of logo in the new year and to begin moving data across to a new website, as well as continuing to run current projects.



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We are starting to see the very real implications of being a small department. This month our one writer asked to reduce his hours to part-time. There's no problem with this, and for him it is a sensible decision, but we don't have extra capacity to pick up the work that he has been doing.

Staff issues are a real problem here. It's tough to find people who will give the time needed to take on roles that have some level of responsibility. We have a number of volunteers who are happy to take on a role for one day a week, but to write press releases, a magazine and be involved in the editing of our bi-monthly prayer letter, we need people who can commit to three or four days a week.

Over this next month I'm speaking at a church in Loughborough and heading back to Southampton to take part in Above Bar Church's, Church Life Day.

Final prayer points

- Wycliffe have been doing a good job of getting known and are starting to reach new people. Please pray that this continues and that we bring in more talented staff who are happy to speak publicly about Bible translation.
- Please pray for Tany and me as we adjust to her new working pattern.
- Please pray for the staffing situation at Wycliffe. We have needs across a range of departments and some roles which require a really specific set of skills.

One other note

With Christmas rapidly approaching there's another way you can support Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Buy your Christmas cards online at www.justcardsdirect.com and you can donate 10% of the purchase price to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

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