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MINISTRY NEWS FROM JIM & LAUREN KILLAM



A New Chapter

First, this marks the first Christmastime newsletter we've ever published before March. High five! A lot has happened since the last time we did one of these. We've been back from Texas for a year now, and it's been a joy to again live close to family and friends here in Illinois. It's also been a season of redirection in ministry, from the Seed Company to new opportunities for both of us. So in good journalistic fashion, let us outline what's happening.

WHO

Both of us. We are joining Wycliffe Bible Translators as a couple, even though Jim's job is the one defined so far. He'll serve as managing editor for the Wycliffe Global Alliance. Lauren continues her job at Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center, which has not only been a source of income but also a ministry she loves.

WHAT

Along with more than 100 affiliate organizations, Wycliffe is committed to seeing every living language reached with Scripture by 2025. It's not just to finish a checklist — historic as that is. It means transformed lives everywhere in the world as we come alongside local churches and national organizations who want to reach their people. Wycliffe

is the parent organization to the Seed Company, where we worked from 2014-18 in Arlington, Texas. Those years turned out to be intense, onsite training and networking for this new task.

Jim's role will be to:

- **Help lead a global news service serving the Bible translation movement;** and
- **Train people in key locations to report those stories of God's work.**

WHEN

Our official first day with Wycliffe was Nov. 1. We're in a training mode, which culminates with two weeks at organization headquarters in January. The start date for Jim's new role depends on when we reach 100 percent of our financial support.

WHERE

We don't have to move again! Rockford is where we plan to stay, to be close to family, friends and our home church, First Free. Jim's job will take him all over the world at times, but thanks to 21st century technology, our home base can be anywhere.

WHY

Why, indeed? Why leave what's become a sustainable freelance business to work again in a mission

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Ways You Can Partner With Us

Along with meeting monthly budget needs, we have substantial start-up costs related to our upcoming training in Orlando, Fla. (and missing two weeks of income at home).

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organization? Several reasons. A relentless calling from God over the past eight years. A few tantalizing glimpses of what this could look like and **how many people it could serve** in the furthest corners of the world. A long journalism career that feels far from over.

Above all, there's urgent need: We believe the North American Church is dangerously under-engaged with God's global work. When journalists report those stories well, God is glorified. People get involved. Momentum builds. History gets made. People's lives get transformed.

HOW

God has really stitched things together. Lauren will keep her job at Fairhaven and Jim will keep freelancing some. But before we can launch in this unique opportunity serve with Wycliffe, we need to build our team of prayer and financial partners to meet 100 percent of our Wycliffe ministry budget. **Would you consider playing a part?**

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Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.”

Psalm 96:3
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Family News



We have a new grandson! Dax Hudson Perkins was born to our daughter, Lindsey, and her husband, Cory, seven weeks early on Oct. 30. He spent almost four weeks in intensive care, gaining strength, before getting to come home the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Dax is grandchild No. 4 for us: Kylie is 7, Nikolai is 3 and Jack is 1.