

Welcome to ERIC PYLE's Heart Language Explorer!

Luther, Technology, and Gospel Advance



Luther used print technology to advance the gospel in his day.

During the Reformation, the technology of the printing press played an integral role in the advancement of public knowledge. For Martin Luther, proper knowledge of the Scriptures was his principle concern for common folk. The movie Luther portrays the complex effects that the circulation of Luther's ideas had in Germany. After Luther had posted his 95 theses for discussion among colleagues, we see men taking them down to print for a wider audience. Later, his other printings became so popular that authorities who felt their power threatened by his fame tried to feed his materials all to fiery flames. But the sound of Luther's hymns on the lips of the people witnessed that the knowledge of the gospel (facilitated by printing press technology) had penetrated their hearts. Nothing would subdue that--not even nationalists misusing Luther's writings to sponsor violent revolution. Indeed, Luther thought the printing press technology so helpful to advancing the gospel, that he called it, "God's last and greatest gift." What would he say

if he knew of the computer technologies that exist today!?

Personal Update

My first few months of partnership development have been very encouraging. Thank you for all your prayers and support! Several friends have expressed interest in my assignment, and ministers have invited me to share my ministry with their churches. Already I have visited a few churches, explaining the challenges of Bible translation and the benefits of computer technology for that task. Already I've received some gracious responses to my partnership invitation, including one-time gifts and commitments in prayer and financial support!

Fieldworks is the latest set of software tools designed and integrated by Wycliffe's Language Software team to serve translators on the field. Its first major component, Data Notebook, aids cultural analysis. Future components will help in editing translations, analyzing texts, and creating dictionaries. Its foreign script technologies allow translators to write words in the complex scripts they will use in their translations.

A Team Effort

The game of football is won by inches--inches gained by the wisdom of its coaches, the determined effort of every team member, the enthusiasm of cheerleaders, and the cheers from devoted fans. We don't belong to a team that fails: Christ is playing to win the worship he deserves. We know the final outcome. But He has chosen to win through a body of believers expending their lives for Him and each other by His blood and the power of His Spirit. Imagine Wycliffe as one of Christ's special teams, providing the church with Scriptures in every language so that all nations might hear and keep all that he commands. Every team member counts. Every inch is Christ's. Let's play to win!

Pray

that God would

- Embolden me to share my ministry with churches
• Lead churches and individuals to commit to praying and giving regularly
• Enable me to maintain and mature my computer and Bible skills

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