

Welcome to ERIC PYLE'S Heart Language Explorer!



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*The Matrix* confronts us with a horrific future where intelligent machines survive by incubating most humans as battery cells, imprisoning their minds in a virtual reality dream world. As the plot unfolds we are pressed to look to a messianic figure (called Neo) as humanity's only hope for salvation. And while the danger of computers consciously taking over the world remains deep within the pages of sci-fi fantasy, that vision does offer prophetic insight into the relationship that many people presently have with technology. Humans are idol factories (so the Bible teaches us). We are tempted to glory in our own scientific achievement one minute and mindlessly bow to worship it the next. But the Gospel leaves no future for idols of any kind. The church has one God, the Father; one Lord, Jesus the Messiah; and is bound by one Spirit. Thus, in God's good creation, technology finds its proper place in submission to Christ's rule. We do not need another messiah to bring peace between man and machine. Praise God that He can even use computers to bring His saving Word to mankind!

CARLA (Computer-Assisted Related Language Adaptation) is one of Wycliffe's most intelligent tools. Translators can use CARLA to generate a rough translation adapted from an existing translation of a similar language (or dialect). That means translators don't have to start from scratch for each subsequent dialect!

### Pillows and Pawns

Since I became a member with Wycliffe, it seems that every morning I'm waking up in a new place: house sitting for families in my home church, staying with friends and family, or on the road visiting churches. During my road trips, I've been graciously welcomed into the homes of families who attend churches where I will be speaking. There is always something that makes each stay special. I remember two guest beds that were a dream to sleep on, and two chess matches that were a battle. So in this newsletter, I'd like to honor two families with my "Pillows and Pawns" Award: Pastor Bryan Schroeder and his wife Terry in Wichita Falls, TX, and also Ike and Stacie Williams in Abilene, TX. Thanks for sharpening my wits with challenging chess, and cushioning my cares with your pillows!



**Thanks to your prayers**, the Lord has been steadily building my partnership team over the past few months. During January and February I was invited to share at churches in a number of locations scattered around Texas (Abilene, Tyler, Dallas, Wichita Falls, Garland, and Longview). As a result of my visits, many are astounded at the ways in which computer technology can aid in translating God's Word for needy language groups. They are also more aware of the shortage of computer support personnel and hope that I'll help to fill that gap soon. So, please keep praying for me. I have 25% of my financial partnership, but I will need the full 100% (including prayer partners) before I can develop software for Wycliffe missionaries.

### Pray

that God would

- Grant opportunities for me to share with more churches
- Lead churches and individuals to commit to praying and giving regularly
- Enable me to maintain and mature my computer and Bible skills
- Watch over my health, my car, and my computer.

### Encourage

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