

Moving on!

Yes, folks, the Pillingers are moving on! After many discussions and meetings, our future plans are clarifying... In case you missed it: in October Steve will start **a new job** within Wycliffe; and next July, Lord willing, we'll be **moving to South Africa**.

In **July** we met with Steve's future boss, Paul Kroening. We had a very useful session with him, in which we agreed on the outlines of Steve's new position as **Area Publication Production Co-ordinator** for sub-Saharan Africa. (*More about what that jaw-breaker involves below!*) Paul took a flexible approach, which we appreciated. Both he and I (Steve) are starting out in brand new jobs that haven't existed before; therefore our job descriptions will evolve gradually as we discover what's involved.



Johanna browses houses for sale in Johannesburg

In line with this, during **August** Steve drew up his own preliminary job description. This is for the period from October (when the change of assignment will take place) until July, when we expect to **move to South Africa**. During this interim period I'll be finishing off a couple of jobs still outstanding from Typesetting Services UK, which I've been managing since 2005. From October this department will close; Wycliffe will no longer offer typesetting services to members here in the UK. As we work towards starting a new translation in every language that needs one by 2025, typesetting of completed translations is increasingly being done locally in the country concerned, or at nearby regional publishing centres. This has given rise to the need for an experienced typesetter to co-ordinate, recruit, train, etc. — and I look forward to taking up this new role.



The Konkomba Bible (Protestant version), which Steve typeset in 2008–9

But from **October to December** I'll be doing two remaining UK jobs: the **Burunge** book of **Genesis** (Tanzania); and the Catholic version of the **Konkomba Bible** (Ghana). During this time, and extending on into **January and February**, I'll also be starting on **my new job**. At the moment this will involve contacting typesetters and translation teams in Africa, starting to co-ordinate publishing requirements with typesetting capacity, and getting an idea of where new typesetters may be needed. In the long term there will be others aspects to the job as well — more on that in a future post...

The period from **March to May** we've set aside for **partnership development** — i.e., visiting and reconnecting with all you wonderful folk here in the UK who help to make this possible, and who we hope will be fully 'with us' as we move on into this new phase of ministry.

And, finally, in **June** we'll be preparing for **our move to South Africa** (early July, DV).

That's the theory! What we can't yet factor in, is **Jen and Warren's wedding** in South Africa. They expect that this will happen in the first half of next year, but are not yet able to set a date. (It's a complex situation!)

Meanwhile... Watch this space!