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It's rather having only a few weeks left in a future-focussed role. I mean, I don't actually have much of a future to focus on (in the role that is). These are some reflections that I recently shared with the Wycliffe UK staff.
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In three weeks, I will have served my last day as the Executive Director of Wycliffe Bible Translators. It's a rather strange thought. At the moment, I'm in the odd position of being in a futureÂ focussed leadership role, without having much future to focus on (so to speak). I wrote about this to the Wycliffe staff recently.

> *Iâ€™m in a funny position at the moment.*
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> *By that, I donâ€™t mean my normal lunchtime position: shoes off, feet on my desk, headphones on and a book in my hand. Iâ€™m talking about working out my last few weeks as Wycliffe ED.*
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> *Let it be said, we have a great team here at the Clare Centre; they donâ€™t need me around all of the time (which is just as well). The day-to-day running of Wycliffe happens in my absence. My role involves building contacts and profile for the organisation and helping with longer term strategy and itâ€™s difficult to do either of these when you know that you wonâ€™t be in the role for much longer. As I say, itâ€™s a funny position.*
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> *Anyway, after staring at a blank screen on sixty-something occasions, trying to work out what to write for UKnow, this is my last ED note.*
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> *So, by way of closing, let me say* ***Thank You****. Being the director of an organisation like ours is an immense privilege â€“ a fairly difficult and sometimes painful privilege, it has to be said, but a privilege nonetheless. It has been an interesting six and a half years, and Sue and I are very grateful for the many messages of support and encouragement that we have received, especially when things were difficult.*
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> *Looking back, there are many things that I could have done better, but overall, Iâ€™m content with where Wycliffe is. By Godâ€™s grace weâ€™ve weathered some serious storms and made some significant steps forward. Please pray for my successor. He or she will face different challenges to me, but the organisation will need to continue evolving if we are to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world.*
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> *As for us, Sue will carry on her assignment as a translation consultant with The Seed Company and I will be seconded to Global Connections as their director of strategic initiatives. Itâ€™s funny: I always thought that weâ€™d be going back overseas at this point, but that doesnâ€™t seem to be what God has in mind for us. Weâ€™d be grateful of your prayers as we step out in this unexpected direction on this great adventure of following our Lord.*
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> *Once again, thank you!*
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> *Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.*