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Midwife-EMR: Just Pressing On

Often I am tempted to think that people only want to hear about the new and exciting things that are happening with Midwife-EMR. To be sure, when there truly are new and exciting things, I really want to share them in our newsletters. But frankly, this is computer software and system development that we are talking about here. "New" and "exciting" are very much relative terms!

No, very often what is needed in computer software development is the ability to just keep pressing on doing what needs to be done. Sometimes it is not any more exciting than month after month of coding and testing. Though I sometimes struggle to make that sound exciting to you, our readers, I trust that you understand that one of the keys to software development is persistence.

Gratitude

That is why I am so thankful for you, our supporters. Your prayer and financial support make Midwife-EMR possible.

I have said before and I still hold to this: in over 20 years of professional software development experience, working on the Midwife-EMR project has by far been my most rewarding project.

How Much More Work?

I have been asked from time to time how

much more work is there left to do on Midwife-EMR? When will it be "done"?

The short answer, based upon what I know now, is that I could realistically keep busy for a couple more years in order to write all of the parts of Midwife-EMR that are needed.

Yes, that is a long time. Yet, to my knowledge, Midwife-EMR is the only software system that is specifically designed for maternity clinics in the developing world. No one is writing maternity software to give away for free in the name of Christ.

Because of your faithful support, you are allowing me to continue in this valuable work. Thank you.



Kurt working on the Midwife-EMR software on his laptop.

Beth and Kirsten are in the US

Now that Kirsten has graduated high school, it is time for her to start her transition back to the States. Kirsten and Beth arrived in Michigan in August in order to begin Kirsten's transition to US life.

As missionaries in the Philippines for nearly ten years, we have had the opportunity to witness the transitions of

missionary kids from other families back into their home cultures. The initial thought might be, "It should be easy, right? After all, the US is home, right?"

Sorry to say, but it is often not that easy and as a family we have decided to take the transition seriously. Many missionary kids do great speaking other languages and getting along in very different cultures and then find the transition back to their "home" (passport) country really hard. The difficulties are immense and as a family we want to make sure we are doing all we can to help Kirsten transition well.



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Kirsten learning to drive in Michigan.

That is why Beth will be staying with Kirsten in Michigan through the end of the year. Kirsten has been learning to drive and wants to get a part-time job while she explores various college offerings.

Please pray for Kirsten's transition to life in the US.

Please pray for our family as we are apart for this time.

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