

# COULEE CONNECTION

for alumni and friends of SIL-UND

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## What is the Coulee Connection?



Welcome to SIL-UND's newsletter! We hope this finds you doing well. Our goal with this newsletter is to reconnect and keep in touch with our past students and partners. We are up to a lot each summer and year and we wanted to keep you up to date.

We plan on sending about five updates a year, probably one during the summer and four during the rest of the year--reporting on good news from the past summer and announcing great things planned for the next one.

## Humans of SIL-UND



Chris Hewitt was a student at SIL-UND for the first time this summer. He took five classes and is working toward a Master's degree with the intention of doing Bible translation work in Asia. Originally from upstate New York, Chris moved to South Korea three years ago, where he met his wife and has been teaching English. They live there now with their 10-month-old daughter, Iris, as both of them continue to teach.

Chris completed his Bachelor's degree at Moody Bible Institute, where he first heard about SIL from one of his linguistics professors, who was himself an SIL-UND alumnus.

When asked about how he is handling the coursework so far, Chris explained that while the workload can be a challenge, it's one that he is up to.

“It's a lot to read but it's very interesting. Even though it can be a lot sometimes, I've been motivated knowing that it's very useful for the future.”

“One of my passions is discipleship,” Chris explains, “more one-on-one.” He sees Bible translation as not only foundational for later work that a church might do in that country, but the one-on-one work involved in translation as a good opportunity for discipleship.

## Another Summer Down



This summer was truly amazing! We had three amazing skit nights and SIL Unplugged was a big hit! We saw some very exciting guests! We started by welcoming the Language Conservancy. They shared how they are working with the indigenous languages of North America to bring them back to life. We were excited to hear about their first-hand experiences.

We then had William Foley come to speak to eight of our different classes and two colloquium nights. What a treat.

Later, we hosted a group of Sign Language Interpreters for a workshop run by our own staff.

Of course, volleyball was played, tornado watches were warned, and the coulee rose to great heights. But, this is all part of the summer fun!

## Social Media



Did you know we joined the age of media users? We now have an Instagram account, a Twitter and, of course, a Facebook! We would love for you to come follow us on all these platforms to get a feel for what we have been up to. We post things regularly that you won't want to miss.

Also, we have a new website: [silund.org](http://silund.org). We ran a survey this summer that showed 82% of the people attending this summer discovered us through another person. You could be that person! Maybe you have a friend or a relative who is interested in linguistics. Send them over to our website or send them this newsletter so they can get a feel for the Happiest Place on Earth!

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