

Larry and Linda Jones
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*Whereas Seed Company is called to accelerate Bible translation through innovation;
Whereas Larry has demonstrated consistently strong and humble leadership and has nurtured the health of the organization since being appointed as Seed Company's interim leader;
Whereas Larry brings a posture of partnership and collaboration to our work within the Bible translation movement;
Whereas Larry's gifting and experience equip him well to lead Seed Company's next season of innovation and acceleration;
On September 8, 2020, the Seed Company board voted unanimously to appoint Larry Jones as President and CEO of Seed Company.*

Dear Friends,

This is a surprising turn of events for Linda and me! I accepted the interim role as Chief Executive Officer last February with the intent of watching over a ministry we dearly love. I worked to repair breaches in relationships with our partners, restore trust among our Seed Company teammates, and rebuild a stable financial foundation for our ministry. As the months went by, many of our staff and partners asked if we would be willing to stay on and serve longer. The questions came up often enough that Linda and I spent most of a two-hour road trip to talk and pray about how we would answer that question, if the Board asked. Both of us felt a peace that we should be open to step through that door, should God open it.

As is obvious from the Board's motion above, the Board did ask me if I would be willing! They did their due diligence and interviewed many people about me. Because I am pretty well-known in Wycliffe circles, they didn't have to request references from me. They just asked around! They also talked at length to the Seed Company leaders with whom I have worked these past seven months. In the end, as you can see, they decided to extend a call for me to serve long term as Seed Company's President and Chief Executive Officer.

"A person can only receive what is given them from heaven." John 3:27

Those words of John the Baptist have been my motto and heart's song through these past months of service as Seed Company Interim Chief Executive Officer. Truly, this has been a season of inner peace and Holy Spirit joy for me, even in the midst of organizational challenges and a global pandemic. Likewise, it is with a strong sense of God's timing and purpose that Linda and I accepted the Board's call for my continued service in this leadership role. I am so grateful for Linda's unwavering support as we take this step together. Her wisdom and prayers mean so much to me as we embark on this new stage of life together.

Already I am realizing that things are different now that I have been appointed as the long-term Chief Executive Officer. Weighty, difficult decisions I postponed thinking the long-term guy should make them are now mine to confront! Yikes! Thanks so much for your prayers.

This appointment and call belong to you as well, who have stood with us so faithfully in prayers and gifts for so many years. We treasure your fellowship with us very much.

In Him,
Larry and for Linda

PS: Some have asked about our daughter Charis and son-in-law, Joshua, who were serving as medical missionaries in Bangladesh. They have returned to the U.S. and are living in Washington state, near Josh's family. Josh will be working as a family practice physician at a brand-new clinic. Charis will stay at home with their two little daughters. They hope to go back overseas as medical missionaries in a few years.

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