



Elizabeth 11/99

David 5/96

The WAM Report

Serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in computer training and member care

February 2006

Is it worth it?

At a recent prayer meeting, I heard this story from Bob, a translator with the Linzo people*.

Bob was working with the translation team doing exegetical checks in the book of Romans. This involves reading the text and discussing whether the language communicates the same thoughts and ideas as the original text. At the end of a long session, one man on the committee, Papa Joel*, was trembling with joy. He proclaimed, "I've been a Christian since my youth and have a Masters of Theology degree, but I've never understood these passages until now — seeing and discussing them in my mother tongue."

Is Bible translation worth it? Ask Papa Joel! * All names in this story have been changed.

Mike at the office

Insite training

I have been working on tutorials for training Wycliffe workers in using a computer system called *Insite*. *Insite* serves like a corporate intranet only more secure and powerful. *Insite* keeps track of all Wycliffe staff around the world. The system is web-based so that anyone can use it anywhere they have internet access. The system helps keep track of various personnel issues including where people are located, their job responsibilities, and what additional personnel are needed for any given country. The *Insite* system helps keep everyone on the same page and looking at the same data. For example, with *Insite*, a personnel administrator in Orlando can help a new Wycliffe member who is interested in doing accounting to decide on a country of service. Or imagine a Wycliffe member in Congo doing literacy who has a question she would like to discuss with other literacy workers. The person can easily find all the other literacy workers in Africa and send them all an email to get their advice.

Central Africa Group finances

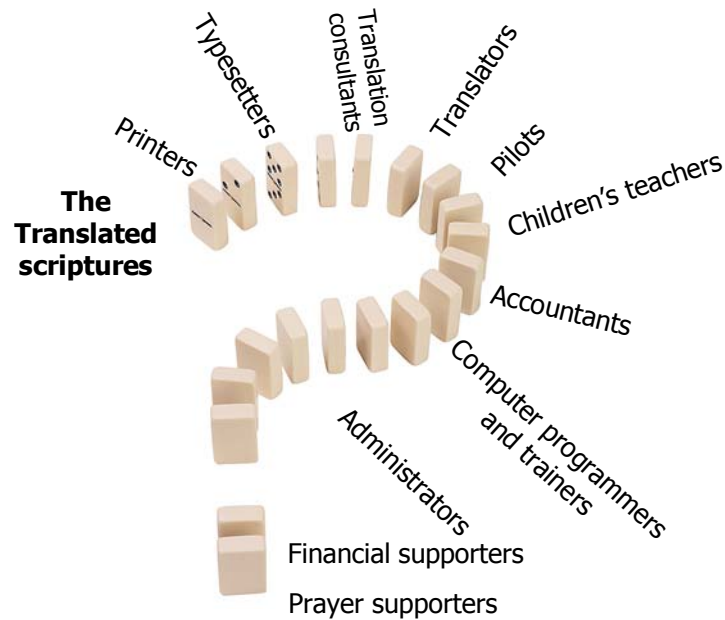
I also continue to do the bookkeeping for the Central Africa group which has members working in three countries with 18 languages. I work with a great group of people. They send me all the finance data which I then put into the proper format to be sent to an accountant who processes it and sends out reports to the relevant people. The longer that I am involved in bookkeeping, the more I find out how much I really enjoy it. I praise God to be able to do work everyday that I enjoy. What a blessing it is!

Financial update

In our last newsletter, we expressed a need for additional monthly support. God has humbled, awed and encouraged us through several new financial supporters as well as increases from others. We are happy to announce that we are currently at 100% of our needed monthly support. Thank you so much for praying and giving. What an awesome God we serve!

Dominoes and Bible translation

What do dominoes and Bible translation have in common? If you have ever set up a long line of dominoes, you know that just one missing or misplaced domino can prevent the domino collapse from reaching the finish. Each piece is important. In the same way, Bible translation is made up of many people: translators, pilots, doctors, teachers, finance people, and people back home praying and giving financially. Each person is strategically placed by God. If any of these pieces is missing, Bible translation will be hindered or may not be completed. Where do **you** fit in the Bible translation lineup?



Spiritual Discipleship Class

I, Wendy, have just finished helping teach a class for new missionaries arriving at JAARS for training. I absolutely *LOVE* teaching this class. This is my eighth experience. The Lord blesses so much and works in people's hearts and minds to reveal truth like they've never seen it before.

Some of the participants' comments were:

"Besides learning who I am in Christ, in greater detail, it also provided me the encouragement and opportunity to deal with issues of sin and bondage and forgiveness."

"I saw things in my life I did not realize were there."

"I thought the Lord brought my family to Waxhaw, out (of our overseas assignment) for other family reasons, but after this course I think the Lord brought us back for me."

Praise God for working in the participants' lives!

Of the 13 families represented:

4 are here for aviation training,

2 for Vernacular Media training (video and cassette ministries),

1 for Maritime Services which provides safe transportation for our missionaries who travel by water, living in island situations,

3 for computer training,

1 to serve as a dentist,

and 2 families are translators looking for help dealing with spiritual warfare.

Mike & Wendy Buchanan
6106 Davis Rd
Waxhaw NC 28173
704-843-3331

Wendy_Buchanan@sil.org
www.wamplus.org

*Your Partners in
Bible Translation,
Mike & Wendy
David & Elizabeth*

For financial contributions, please send checks to Wycliffe Bible Translators at the address below. Include a separate note indicating "for the ministry of Mike and Wendy Buchanan." You can also donate online at www.wamplus.org. Thank you!

Wycliffe
BIBLE TRANSLATORS
PO Box 628200
Orlando, FL 32862-8200
www.wycliffe.org