

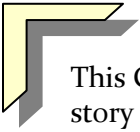


Celebrating HIS-story this Christmas

From **Wendy And Mike Buchanan**

Serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in computing at the JAARS Center

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This Christmas, the Lord has led us to focus on how Bible translation has and is helping to tell the story of Jesus' birth around the world!

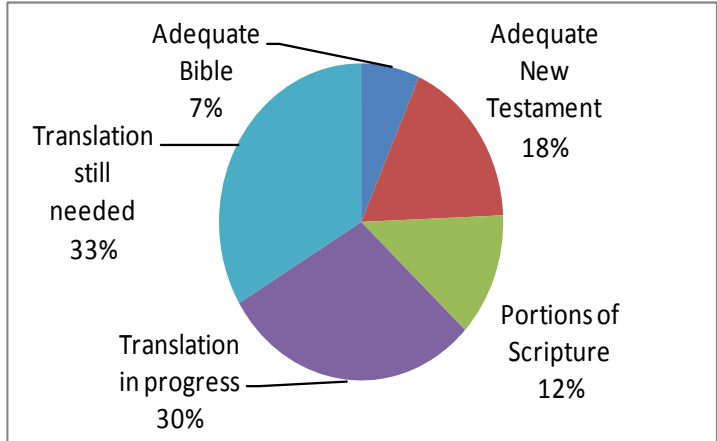
During this season of celebration, we have much to celebrate together! Here are the latest Bible translation statistics for 2009.

Estimated world population in 2010—6.9 billion.

Estimated languages spoken—6,900

THE PAST— 2,479 language communities have some or all of the Bible in their mother tongue:

- 451 have an adequate Bible
- 1,185 have an adequate New Testament
- 843 have just portions of Scripture.



† We celebrate those who have labored with us in the past and the lives redeemed through Bible translation.

THE PRESENT—there are 1,990 active language programs. Wycliffe, working in partnership with language communities and local organizations are involved in 1,363 of these language programs affecting 936 million people.

† We celebrate those around the world who stand with us in this ministry today and those whose lives are changed through Bible Translation!

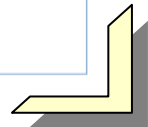
THE FUTURE—Remaining languages which have possible need of Bible translation—2,252 languages (around 353 million people. For comparison, the population of the United States is 308 million.)

The needs are still great. There is still much work to be done. Is God calling you to be part of telling about Our Savior's birth year round through Bible translation?

Matthew 9

³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

† We praise God for all those He is and will be bringing to do and support this work—until every tongue, tribe and nation has His story in their own language!



Wendy and Mike Buchanan

We praise God for:

- The progress in Bible translation this year.
- Committed financial partners.
- Good health and recovery from H1N1.

Please pray:

- for increased financial support to meet the higher cost of living here in the U.S.A.
- that we may delight ourselves in the Lord more and more, individually and as a family.
- For Wendy's back pain to continue to heal through therapeutic, deep tissue massage and systemic enzymes.



An invitation to become more involved in Bible translation

It has been a while since we have updated you on our personal finances. The past six months, we have found our financial support averaging a lack of about \$700 per month.

We feel privileged to support Bible translation work and are looking for more people to come alongside us and share in that privilege. As many of you know, Wycliffe missionaries do not receive a salary but instead look to God to supply their needs through His people.

If you would like to help us, here are four suggestions:

- Pray for us to know what the Lord wants us to do to build the financial team we need. Pray for people and churches to respond as the Lord leads them.
- Pass this newsletter on to a friend you think might be interested in joining our financial team.
- Refer us to a new church near you. If you can give us their name and phone number, we will contact them and offer to visit them and talk about Bible translation.
- Become part of our financial team. You can write to us for more details or donate online at our Wycliffe website www.wamplus.org. (Click on the **Donate Online** link). You will be directed to a secure site and will receive a receipt from Wycliffe in the mail. You can also send checks to Wycliffe Bible Translators at the address below. Include a separate note indicating "for the ministry of Mike and Wendy Buchanan." No gift amount is insignificant. As part of the Bible Translation team, you will be making an eternal difference in the lives of many.

Did you know...

- In 2009, Wycliffe staff contributed to the completion of 2 Bibles, 25 New Testaments, and 26 New Testament revisions, affecting some 10 million people.
- We have a new website which uses the same platform (moodle) as Wycliffe's online learning sites (which Michael administers.) Go to <http://wamplus.moodlehub.com> to learn more about us.

"Without a credible Bible, missions is worth very little. Missions is mostly the history of the impact of the Bible."

Ralph Winter— Founder, US Center for World Missions

"The area is huge, the number of languages overwhelming, our numbers are very small, but we expect great things from the Lord."

Nico Daams — SIL International Pacific Group Director

Cell phone recycling program

Support Bible translation and protect the environment by recycling cell phones! Wycliffe receives funds for donated cell phones, regardless of age or condition. You may specify that the funds be designated to the missionary or project of your choice. Visit www.wycliffe.org/cellphones to download easy-to-follow instructions and helpful resources!

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