



The WAM Report

From **Wendy And Mike Buchanan**
Serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in computing at the JAARS Center

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Exciting News!! "This generation could live to see all needed Bible translations started!"

"We live in a unique period of human history..." Those were the words of Wycliffe USA's president Bob Cresson at a recent meeting for Wycliffe. No one has ever seen the needs of Bible translation drop, every other generation has seen the needs go up as new languages were found. The last official figure in November 2009 was 2, 252 languages still needing the Bible. The 2010 new official figure is 2078 languages representing around 340 million people who may have need for a Bible translation. Sometime in 2011, we expect that number will go below 2000! The pace of Bible translation is increasing and many of us will be alive to see all the remaining Bible translation needs met! We are inviting you to be part of something historic, something no one else has ever seen before. The completion of the translation of God's Word so that all may hear!



Wycliffe staff are currently involved in 1525 active language programs representing 2.6 billion people. Additional work is being undertaken by other organizations in 500 other languages.

Financial Update

Since our last newsletter, several individuals and a church have become partners with us in the Bible translation ministry. We are now only lacking \$200 per month! But because we are running short of 100% of our finances, we have begun receiving help from a fund which Wycliffe has for members who are low on their support for long periods of time. We can receive help from this fund only for one year. If our support is not at 100% by November 2011, we will be asked to step away from our current jobs here at JAARS and be required to devote all our time to support-raising until it is.

God is in control and we believe he will put it on the hearts of those he wants involved with us. We believe that Bible translation has eternal significance, which is why we have invested our lives in it. Would you pray and seek whether God would have you be a part of reaching those still waiting for His Word in their language. We know that if you seek God's will, He will reveal what he wants you to do.

If you would like to be involved, here are some suggestions:

- Register at <https://pray24x7.vision2025.net> to commit to praying regularly on behalf of minority language communities who still need God's Word in their language. When you sign up, you will receive weekly emails with prayer requests from around the world.
- Pass this newsletter on to a friend you think might be interested in Bible translation.
- Refer us to your pastor or 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.
- To become part of our financial and/or prayer team, write to us for more details or go online at our website **www.wamplus.org**. (Click the "Partner with Mike & Wendy" box on the right side). You can also send checks to Wycliffe Bible Translators at the address on the back page. Please include a separate note indicating "for the ministry of Mike and Wendy Buchanan."

Wendy and Mike Buchanan

We praise God for :

- our precious David & Elizabeth and their servant hearts.
- the progress of Bible translation around the world.

Please pray:

- for an increase in our financial support.
- for the prayer ministry Wendy is introducing at our local church.

Reflections on 2010

Mike—Looking back on 2010, I feel fully settled back and integrated in my work and family routines. Settled back from what? From our time in Cameroon in 2008. Although there wasn't a big culture shock in coming back to the USA, enough little things changed which I didn't notice at first which did take me awhile to adapt to. I praise God for bringing me to this point of feeling fully settled here. I love the various jobs I get to do, many of them helping people solve their immediate computer problems.

Wendy—Physically, this past year was one for experiencing great relief from chronic back pain I've had for 20 years. Systemic enzymes and self-massage have eliminated my need for chiropractic care! With less pain comes more energy for life! Ministry wise, it has been a year of waiting on the Lord. But finally, I see Him opening the doors for a prayer ministry to develop at the local church we attend here! I am very excited to see how the Lord puts it all together. As we say in Wycliffe, "It takes a team!" to get the work done!

Christmas pictures



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