



The WAM Report

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Serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in computing at the JAARS Center

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Remembering God's Awesome Provisions

It was December 1992, Mike and I were newly married and many things about our first year together were uncertain. As new members with Wycliffe our job was to gather a team of prayer partners and financial partners. Our plan was to spend six months in Iowa where I had grown up and six months in Pennsylvania where Mike had lived for the past four years. Amazingly the Lord provided a place to live in Spirit Lake, Iowa rent free! A lady we had never met said that she had been unable to rent her home and that we could live in her furnished house on the lake for the complete six months! We were in awe of the LORD's goodness and this woman's generosity. We never did get to meet her face to face.

And can you believe, the exact same thing happened when we moved to Pennsylvania. Mary, a lady in Mike's home church was going to sell her home, but decided to wait to sell it and let us live in it rent free for six months! The LORD provided for our needs so amazingly! It does our hearts good to remember His faithfulness to us through his people. He is "El Roi", the God who sees. He saw us then and he sees us now. Because of these very generous ladies, we were able to spend our time together as a new married couple, laying a good foundation for our marriage and for our ministry as we traveled around sharing with others about Bible translation.

It is good to remember the awesome provisions of the LORD just as the Israelites were urged to do countless times!!

May we all continue to encourage one another and give testimony of God's provisions, to our neighbors, our friends and teach our children of His faithfulness to all generations!

In the last few months, our monthly support has dropped to about 80% of our monthly needs. Instead of growing anxious or worried, we are choosing to remember the Lord's past faithfulness, and wait expectantly to see how God will meet this new need. We look forward to sharing more testimonies of God's faithfulness these past 20 years.



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We praise God for:

- Good health this winter flu season.

Please pray for:

- additional partners to invest with us in the ministry of Bible translation.

New role with Central Africa Group – Accountant

For the past twelve years, I have been involved in the financial oversight of the Central Africa Group. The first five years, I was the accountant and the past seven years I have been the bookkeeper while the accountant was a man working in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Recently though, he resigned and I have retaken the role of accountant.

The Central Africa Group (CAG) includes three countries; Republic of Congo, Central African Republic and the western part of Democratic Republic of Congo. Currently, CAG members are helping to support language and Bible translation work in 32 languages. This represents a population of about 6,160,300 people.

Working with me in the finance department are Brenda LeBlanc, who oversees the finances in the two Congo's, and Rolf Buehler who oversees the finances in Central African Republic. Like me, they both work remotely, Brenda in Canada and Rolf here in North Carolina. In addition, we have one person in each country who manages the local, day to day operations of running a cashbox, getting cash from the bank, paying employees, etc. As you can see, it takes a large team, working together to keep the finances of the group in order. You are also part of the team, through your prayers and support, helping to bring God's Word to the people in these countries.

My role as accountant for the group is only 20% of my overall job responsibilities here at JAARS but I really enjoy helping to keep the finances of the Central Africa group in good order. As an accountant, I get a real feeling of accomplishment when I print out the reports and the numbers balance!

Family News

David, our 10th grader is showing great interest in studying Biblical theology! He has read a large systematic theology book on his own, just for fun and has started another large book on Old Testament theology. His youth pastor learned of David's zeal for theology and has also challenged him to read "City of God" by St. Augustine and has invited him and a friend to get together weekly with him to discuss it. Pray with us that God would give David discernment as he studies theology.

Elizabeth, our 7th grader is studying the Red Cross babysitting manual with a friend. She already has several regular babysitting jobs. She also enjoys helping at Awana, listening to the Cubbies (3 & 4 year olds) and Sparks (kindergarten – 2nd grade) clubbers say their Bible verses.

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