



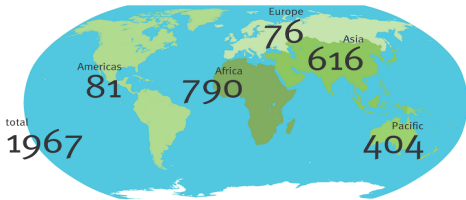
# The Merry Christmas WAM Report

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## Less than 2000!

In October, for the first time ever, the number of languages still needing Bible translation started dropping below 2,000! The official translation need is now 1,967. For the first time there are more translation programs in progress than there are translation needs. More people have more access to Scripture than in any previous generation! More language groups are hearing of Jesus' love for them for the first time in a language they understand.



**Number of Languages with Likely Need of Bible Translation and No Active Program in Place**

There is still much work to be done but we praise God for all He is doing. Your prayers and financial partnership in this ministry are having a huge impact on the lives of millions who are receiving God's word for the first time! We know you are rejoicing with us!

## Central Africa trip

In mid-August, I went to Bangui Central African Republic for 2 weeks. I was helping to train 9 colleagues from 4 national translation organizations how to use the accounting software package, ACCPAC. The trip exceeded my expectations and I'm so grateful for all of your prayers. The city power came on regularly for a few hours, in the morning and also in the evening. When we didn't have city power, the center's generator was able to provide for our needs. The computers and projector all worked well.

We covered all the topics I had hoped to cover and all the participants got lots of practice. They were all able to go back to their organizations well equipped to keep track of their finances and also produce the reports which the donors require.

My favorite part of the trip was the fellowship I had and the friendships made with all the participants. Each day, we spent about 12 hours together in classes and meals. All of our meals were eaten around one big family table. The discussions and fun we had during those meals was very special. From my very first meal with the group, I felt part of the family. For me, it was a small foretaste of what heaven will be like when we will all fellowship together and worship the Lord forever!



**Participants with their certificates of completion**





We are in the home stretch with these two teenagers. They both have continued to choose to be home-schooled this year. David is a junior and Elizabeth is in eighth grade. It has been so much fun teaching them at home. The past few years they have both been participating in the home-school program called Classical Conversations. This is giving them a classical education in literature, rhetoric, logic and philosophy.

Elizabeth continues with piano lessons and loves playing classical pieces and also playing songs as fast as her fingers can go. She has started singing with the youth praise band this year. Maybe she will have the courage to play the keyboard next year for praise band?! She still loves babysitting and will be volunteering for childcare on Fridays again beginning in January at the Mother's program at a local church. Wendy is very excited she will be serving as a mentor to some of the younger moms!

David will have the opportunity to volunteer with Child Evangelism Fellowship again this year at the local elementary school in the CEF after school program on Tuesdays. His evenings are filled with Boy Scouts, youth group, and AWANA. This year he is also serving as a student leader for the Jr. High youth group and little sister loves having him around. Stay tuned to see what part David will play in the theater production this spring!

David has decided to graduate a year early and head off to college this fall. We just found out that he has been accepted at Baptist Bible College in Scranton PA! He is going to apply to a couple other schools before deciding which to attend. He plans to study theology and philosophy in hopes of teaching at the university level one day. That will require lots of years of schooling, but he is excited about that too! We covet your prayers as he applies to colleges and chooses one that fits him best.



Wendy and Mike Buchanan

We praise God for:

- His provision for our needs through faithful partners.
- Having such fun teenagers to parent.

Please pray for:

- David to have peace in his heart and mind as to which college to attend in the fall.

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