

## The WAM Report

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## A Reflection—Dependence and Faith

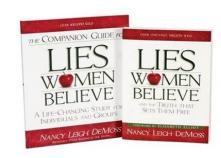
As many of you know, Wycliffe is a faith based organization, meaning we do not receive a salary from Wycliffe. Instead, we rely on God to meet our needs through churches, friends and family who believe in the ministry of Bible translation and want to be a part of it. We are so grateful to all of our partners who have stood with us over the past 22 years. We have seen God meet all our needs! We continue to strive to be faithful to the ministry and resources that have been entrusted to us and try to communicate our vision of what God is doing through us and this work.

For the past 3 years, our promised monthly support has been sufficient for our needs but only because very unexpectedly someone would send us a large sum, around \$10,000, to carry us through the next year. Each year it has been someone new and unexpected. This has been such a faith growing time as we have seen the Lord provide in this way. We are very humbled that He continues to touch people's hearts on our behalf.

We have always tried to convey our financial needs to our partners and interested friends in a way that invites people to invest with us in this ministry. Our desire and our intent is never to manipulate emotions but rather to just convey our needs and let God and His Holy Spirit work in people's hearts. Our belief is that people are involved in this ministry with us because they want to be a part in seeing God's message of love taken to all the people of this world. This little reflection conveys our need and we trust God for whatever results He chooses.

## Wendy's Home Bible Study





This week I began hosting a women's Bible study in our home. Twenty women plan to attend for the next 11 weeks. The topic of the study comes from the book, "Lies Women Believe and the Truth that Sets Them Free". I'm excited to see what the Lord does in the lives of these women as they meet together to encourage one another to seek truth.

## **Central African Republic Update**

Please continue to pray for the country of Central African Republic. We have many friends and colleagues in the country that we know from our time living there and also through Mike's accounting work. According to UN news reports, the conflict in C.A.R erupted when mainly Muslim Séléka rebels launched attacks in December 2012. This has taken on



increased sectarian overtones as mainly non-Muslim militias known as anti-Balaka (anti-machete) have taken up arms. This crisis has already claimed thousands of lives, uprooted almost one million people and left more than 2.5 million people in need of immediate humanitarian assistance.

ACATBA—(Association Centrafricaine pour la Traduction de la Bible et l'Alphabétisation) is the Wycliffe Bible translation organization in the country. They are currently working in 11 language projects. In December 2013, they grieved the death of translator, Elisee Zama. Elisee was killed while trying to get his family to safety at a hospital compound in the capital city of Bangui. He was translating the Bible into the Mandja language. He leaves a widow and children.

ACATBA representatives ask Christians to pray for the safety of believers in C.A.R. "Pray for an end to the fighting—for both the immediate situation and long term. Pray for God's peace to reign in this country that has already endured so much."

"Continue to pray for God's protection, provision, and strength during this ongoing crisis," they continued. "Pray that our colleagues' faith during this incredibly difficult time will bless and encourage others in their country."

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