

The WAM Report

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Good news from Central African Republic

Central African Republic (CAR) is dear to our heart because it is the first country we worked in doing language survey. In addition we have many colleagues who still work there and Michael has been able to go over several times to help train the financial personnel in the national Bible translation organization—ACATBA. He continues to help them via Skype when they have problems with the financial software.

Back in March 2014, we wrote to you about the ongoing conflict in Central African Republic. The fighting began in December 2012 and the sectarian violence continued to intensify, thousands of people were killed in the fighting and millions of people were displaced and in need of humanitarian assistance.

CAR held elections in December 2015 and on February 14th, Faustin Archange Touadera, a former math professor and ex-prime minister was elected in a run-off election as the new president of CAR. Many experts said it would be impossible for the population to have a fair and transparent election, but they did and it happened peacefully! Although CAR has a long road to travel, we praise God for what He has done and encourage you to continue to pray for the rebuilding and reconciliation process.

Scripture nearing completion!

The Gbeya language with 200,000 speakers, the Kaba language with 83,000 speakers and the Nzakara language with 50,000 speakers are translation projects which are nearing completion in the next 3 years. Each one has had the translation teams displaced because of unrest in the country. Pray that the security situation in the country would improve so that translation consultants can enter the country and help the teams with the necessary final checks of the translation. Ask the Lord to infuse the team with strength and courage each day. Pray for peace and for the governments in these regions to be reestablished so that the translation teams can go back to live in the corresponding language areas. Thank the Lord for the funders who support the team financially. Ask God to bless them and to continue to be able to provide for the projects needs. Ask the Lord to fill each team with peace and joy as they press on in difficult circumstances. Each of these projects would like to see their completion in the next couple years and get a published New Testament in the hands of the people waiting.



Helping with the Intercultural Communications Course



New missionaries getting ready for overseas assignments come to JAARS for Intercultural Communications Course that lasts five weeks and happens three times a year. People from other mission agencies also take advantage of this important training. Elizabeth and I enjoy loving on the babies of these young missionaries while they attend these important classes in how to live in another culture.

For the Bible translation CAR close to completion For God to put it on the For the leaders of CAR people and churches to Wendy and Mike Buchanan For the Scriptures in as they work to bring peaceful elections in CAR. lasting peace to the hearts of additional become part of our ministry team. projects nearing completion in CAR. For the free and We praise God Please pray:

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