



The WAM Report

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SIL Gateway—Keeping SIL personnel informed

SIL International (SIL) was created by Wycliffe for the implementation of language development and Bible translation strategies. Wendy and I are members both of Wycliffe Bible Translators and SIL but primarily assigned to SIL.

In our last newsletter, I asked for prayer for a new project. For the past 6 months, I have been part of a team redesigning the SIL intranet site. Before the redesign, there were multiple sites where official SIL documents and information were kept. The challenge was therefore to know where to find information from among the multiple sites. With the redesign, we set out to make one site the definitive place to find all information a member of SIL might need. The site we created is called SIL Gateway. It does not physically hold all the SIL information, but it “points” to other sites which have the needed information. These “pointers” are laid out in a way that hopefully make them intuitive to use.

It was a joy being on a team of about eight people meeting each week via web conference to work out all that needed to be done to make the redesign a reality. User response to the new site has been quite favorable as people find the information they need to do their daily work. Thank you for your prayers for us and the work of Wycliffe in this project.

Wycliffe and SIL's 1,000th New Testament

Keliko New Testament Dedication

The Keliko came from all over. Most lived in the area in refugee camps. Others walked, rode bicycles or hitched rides from South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

International visitors flew in from South Sudan, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Zambia, Germany, England, Canada and the United States.

All converged on a small town in northwest Uganda called Koboko to celebrate the dedication of the Keliko New Testament — the 1,000th New Testament completed with the engagement of Wycliffe USA and SIL.

The Keliko homeland is in South Sudan, but due to unrest many community members now live as refugees in Uganda and the DRC. The translators, including Bishop Seme, the Episcopal bishop of the diocese where the Keliko live, had labored through 20 years of civil war and unrest.

SIL Sudan provided technical and advisory support throughout that period, but the project clearly belonged to the Keliko church, born of a vision by Bishop Seme's grandfather in 1983.

Church leaders, local government dignitaries and international visitors had a common theme running through their speeches: peace. Just the week before the dedication, the warring parties in South Sudan had signed a peace agreement.

Now the Keliko, who have lived in conflict zones for so many decades, are trusting that the peace of God and the God of peace will go before them and open the way to return to their homeland.

At least for one Saturday on Aug. 11, 2018, people who've lived their lives in hardship and challenge were overcome with uncontainable joy and hope as they held God's Words to them in their language.

Wendy and Mike Buchanan



We praise God:

- Wendy's adrenal fatigue is much better but not yet 100%.
- Translation work is in progress in 2,650 languages!

Please pray:

- For three teams in Central African Republic finishing up New Testament translations. Projects often run into significant spiritual attack just at this "nearly finished" stage. Contact info_car@sil.org to sign up to receive weekly prayer requests.

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