



The WAM Report

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Peparing new missionaries for cross-cultural living

We are praising God for the 25 new missionaries who are receiving training here at JAARS through the Intercultural Communications Course. This is a four-week course that helps to prepare new missionaries for cross-cultural living overseas. This course happens two to three times a year and trains 20-40 new missionaries each time. Topics include: worldview, spiritual warfare, caring for your marriage, language acquisition, biblical absolutes, God's sovereignty and much more.

This is often the final step before leaving for their foreign field assignments. It is an intense time of learning about themselves and often includes times of spiritual renewal and healing of unresolved pain from their past. We desire to equip these new missionaries with many tools needed for facing the challenges ahead.

The course also has some training and fun for the children of the missionaries, as the children also need to realize what lies ahead for them as they move to a new culture and experience culture shock and new languages. This winter we both had fun teaching some of the ten children who are going to Papua New Guinea or to the Solomon Islands. Please pray with us for them: Aaron, Abby, Andrew, Anna, Keseda, Emerson, Stanton, Winston, Asher and Theodore for God to protect them from evil and give each one peace in their hearts as they say good-by to friends and family. Also pray for their parents to have understanding for their kid's needs, and to have the wisdom of God to respond with gentleness and love when the challenges come up during their transition time.



Wendy with the elementary age children.

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Mike with some of the two year olds.

Three translations near the finish line in CAR

Three language projects in the Central African Republic are approaching the publication of their New Testaments, after more than 20 years of work in each case. This is exciting, but it's also a time when many language teams start to experience unprecedented difficulties... even those for whom life has never been exactly easy, like our Central African friends. The CAR group has compiled some prayer materials for the three translation projects which are approaching the home stretch in the work on their New Testaments, and people are signing up from all over the world to pray with us through the next year!

So we want to invite you to sign up to pray for the Gbeya, Kabba and Ngbugu teams, as they prepare their manuscripts for typesetting. You will be introduced to them and their projects, and then receive an email each week, detailing exactly what the teams are working on - giving you both insight into their lives and work, and the fuel for your prayers for them each week. As you pray you will be standing alongside three teams of men whom you may never meet this side of heaven, and thousands of people who speak these languages and are eagerly awaiting their New Testaments. Moreover, your partnership means the world to them, and by God's grace your prayerful engagement will make a difference in their lives and work from day to day.

Contact info_car@sil.org to sign up for emails, or you can like the [God's Word for the Central African Republic](#) Facebook page and collect the prayer news from there.



The Gbeya translators: Benoit Nezoufei, Damien Gala and Francis Feidangai



The Kabba translators: Victor Noudjoundima, Constant Bantar and Betina Maguelet-Bodoli



The Ngbugu translators: Jesse-Joel Adoumacho, Guy Matchi and Tychique Longbo

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Please pray:

- Please pray fervently with us for all staff involved in Bible translation work and associated ministries in the Central African Republic, who are facing specific difficulties at present. Accusations have been made publicly against several staff of the national Bible translation organization, and could be detrimental to Bible translation work there whether or not they prove to be true. We pray for God's peace and truth to overrule in this situation and that the outcome will be to His glory. Pray that nothing would impede progress towards full access to His Word for all people of the Central African Republic in the language that speaks to them best.

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