



The WAM Report

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Helping missionaries in need—the Boutique

The JAARS Boutique has come a long way since our first visit to JAARS back in 1997 while on furlough from Congo. Back then the Boutique consisted of a basement room in an apartment building full of bags of donated clothes for you to dig through in hopes of finding something to meet your family's needs. Needless to say not many people attempted to do this and so the donations were not readily available. Since then that apartment building was sold and JAARS built a new one with a new Boutique too! And now there is a staff of missionaries and volunteers that keep it running and welcoming on average 80 visitors a week during the 17.5 hours a week that it is open.

God has supplied talented volunteers to design and build shelves and furniture to fit the spaces of the Boutique to make it an attractive and functioning place for missionaries to come and get their needs met. Donated items include clothing and shoes for the whole family, kitchen wares, bedding, office supplies, toys, children's books and more. When we were first setting up our home here God supplied so many times for our needs and David and Elizabeth excitedly discovered new/used toys often too.

Wendy has been part of the Boutique staff for several years now and loves meeting new missionaries home on furlough as they come to the boutique. It is so much fun getting to see other children excited when they find new treasures to enjoy. We also sometimes take opportunities to invite these families over for meals and volunteer to babysit their children, because we remember how hard it can be when you're "new to town" and grandparents are not in the area and available to do so.



ACATBA News

Thank you for praying for ACATBA, our partner organization for Bible translation in Central African Republic. **Thank God for the amazing strides forward** made since their leadership crisis earlier this year. On October 25th and 26th, the founding churches held a further General Assembly, during which they reviewed and approved their revised foundational documents and elected a new board of nine members (three of whom were on the previous board) representing nine of the 14 founding denominations. This was a miraculous event and the answer to many prayers!

Please continue praying for ACATBA and the new board. These nine people are highly qualified and have volunteered for this role, but there is a lot of work ahead of them. **Please pray** that they'll be able to quickly address the administrative issues that have been on hold during the crisis, that the board training promised by another partner organization will materialize quickly, and that they will have Spirit-led ideas for the continuing reconciliation process within ACATBA, for the glory of God and for the sake of their ministry.

Three New Testaments are scheduled to be typeset in January 2020 and printed later in the year with three more following the year after that. In addition, three other language projects hope to be ready for consultant checking in 2021, including one in which Michael was part of the language survey back in 1995! God's work is advancing, but we need his great power to overcome the challenges! Thank you for linking arms with us and our Central African brothers and sisters in prayer.

Wendy and Mike Buchanan



We praise God for:

- Elizabeth's protection and good experiences while teaching English in China this summer.
- The election of a new ACATBA board and its continued reconciliation among its members.

Please pray:

- For three New Testament translations in CAR which are nearing completion. That the typesetting and printing will not experience any roadblocks to hinder its completion.
- Pray for Ashley (our son David's wife) to be able to have a normal delivery, she is having some complications that might cause her to need a C-section. She was able to quit working and have disability leave from her job. Baby boy due December 16th.

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