



# The WAM Report

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## Let's Celebrate!

The arrival of the Scriptures is a reason to celebrate! Over the past twelve months, over 40 people groups have received the Bible in their language—that's a lot of celebrating!

When this momentous occasion occurs, a Bible dedication ceremony is typically organized by the people group to welcome God's Word. Many held a celebration event prior to the pandemic. For those in restricted access areas, however, public acknowledgement was not possible.

While COVID-19 has prevented mass community celebrations in recent months, the arrival of God's Word is no less important and we still rejoice! Here at the JAARS center, we recently held our own celebration. In keeping with social distancing, tables were set up outside in front of the aircraft hanger. One by one, missionaries placed available copies of the Scriptures and planted flags representing the countries of the people groups. For some groups, the Scriptures are being distributed via phone apps instead of print.

We'd like to invite you to watch portions of four pre-coronavirus Scripture dedication events. The 7-minute video can be accessed through the following link, <https://vimeo.com/465511836>. It opens with the Migabac of Papua New Guinea celebrating the arrival of God's Word, followed by the Romblomanon of the Philippines, the Samburu of Kenya, and the Gergiko of Chad. Scenes from our local event here at JAARS are interspersed through out the video. At the end, you will see a list of all of the translations being celebrated this year.



We rejoice that these language groups now have God's Word, but there's more work to do. Some groups only have portions of the Bible and need more; others still don't have any. Thanks so much for continuing to work with us to give people access to the Scriptures.

## Financial Update

We are in our 29th year with Wycliffe and can testify that in all that time God has always met our needs! We are so thankful for the churches, family and friends who partner with us in this ministry of Bible translation. Some have supported us faithfully since the very beginning in 1991 and continue to do so now! Some have had to reduce or discontinue their financial support due to changing life situations, but God has always laid it on the hearts of others to join and meet our needs.

Many times we could not see where the money was going to come from, but then an unexpected one time gift would come through at just the right time and meet our needs. We have always taken great comfort in Philippians 4:6 which says to be anxious for nothing but in everything to make our needs known to God. And His peace which surpasses our understanding will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

We find ourselves currently lacking about \$1,000 per month in support and ask that you would lift up this need in prayer with us and also consider joining our team financially.

**The LORD's loving kindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.**

**Lamentations 3:22-23 NASB**

Wendy and Mike Buchanan



We praise God:

- The many opportunities God has given us lately to share the Gospel through the Search for Jesus website and on foreign language conversation sites.

Please pray:

- Additional financial partners to join with us in this ministry.
- Some major changes are coming regarding several of the websites Michael administers. Wisdom is needed in finding the best path forward.

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