



The WAM Report

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What is Wendy's New Role at JAARS?

Wendy has joined the new Fellows Program as a spiritual coach for college graduates. This program was started as a means to recruit a new generation of missionaries who can carry on Bible translation work as we see a significant need in this area.

The Fellows Program is an eleven-month, merit-based, professional opportunity that provides entry into a first career position in the graduate's area of interest where they can experience how their gifts and talents can be used to further Bible translation around the world.

But the focus isn't purely professional, we also come alongside the graduate in various ways and invest in them personally and spiritually.

If you know a college graduate looking for such an opportunity please share with them the website: www.JAARS.org/Fellows

David & Elizabeth Updates

Some of you might not have heard yet..... Elizabeth has found her match and is getting married June 1st! His name is Michael Kennedy, also a senior at Columbia International University and studying to be a pastor. After graduating this May with their bachelor degrees, they will both have one more year of university left for their respective master's degrees in education and divinity. Please pray for them as they prepare for the wedding and their life together.



David is completing a master's degree from Boston Seminary this May and then he, Ashley and William (1 year old) will be moving to Honolulu, Hawaii where David will be teaching high school Bible and religion. We covet your prayers for God's provision for them professionally, spiritually and emotionally as they move again.

Answered Prayer!

In our last newsletter, one of our prayer requests said,

“Some major changes are coming regarding several of the websites Michael administers. Wisdom is needed in finding the best path forward.”

The situation concerned a software vendor discontinuing the support on several products that allowed us to run vital services on our own servers. These services include an intra-net/document repository and a bug tracking/project management site which is also used to securely authorize various financial requests. The option of moving to the vendor's cloud-based hosting was offered to us but would be prohibitively expensive and we thus needed to find alternative software.

However, early in 2021, the vendor announced a new type of free non-profit license for products almost identical to the ones being discontinued. In early February, Michael submitted a request for this new license type and we were accepted! So, we will be able to keep hosting the websites on our own servers.

Thank you for your prayers! God has heard and answered above and beyond all we could think or imagine!

Wendy and Mike Buchanan



We praise God:

- The many opportunities God has given Wendy to share the Gospel through emails on the BGEA Search for Jesus website. And opportunities for Michael while chatting with people around the world on foreign language conversation sites. Mike gets to practice his French and help others with their English proficiency.

Please pray:

- Additional financial partners to join with us in this ministry. We are lacking approximately \$880 per month.
- For the security situation in Central African Republic (CAR), which has improved but is still not settled.
- The Gbeya, Kaba and Ngbu New Testaments are printed and on their way to CAR. Thank God for this news, and please pray for his protection over the shipment. Dedication ceremonies are planned for later this year.

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