



The WAM Report

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IT Connect—A trip to Nairobi Kenya

In April, I (Michael) had the privilege of traveling to Nairobi, Kenya and participating in a technology conference called IT Connect. The goals of the conference were to support regional information technology specialists from various Bible translation organizations in Africa and to help equip IT staff and sustain reliable IT systems. There were 44 IT specialists from ten African countries as well as participants from North America and Europe. It was the first time we did the conference with both French and English speakers at the same time. A French-only version of the conference was scheduled in 2020 but was postponed due to COVID-19. I led two sessions as well as helped with others. I was also a table group leader and a translator for French speakers during our table group times. It was truly a joy getting to meet in person many of these IT specialists from around Africa with whom up till now I've only had limited interactions via email or Zoom.

The conference center where we stayed was the BTL-Christian International Conference Centre about 45 minutes outside of Nairobi. It is 16 acres with beautifully manicured lawns and plenty of conference space and housing for all of us. BTL (Bible Translation & Literacy) is an organization that was established in 1981 to facilitate Bible translation and sustainable literacy and language development programs among small language groups in Kenya and beyond.



Group photo of all participants



Leading a session on setting priorities and goals



Each morning our table group had a devotional/prayer time together

Spring break in Charleston

While Michael was in Kenya, Wendy and Elizabeth spent her spring break from student teaching in Charleston. Through a generous ministry in Charleston we were also blessed with free lodging!



Toured Drayton Hall—the only plantation house not burned in the civil war.



We found Rainbow row! Each house is painted a different color.



We followed a how-to video of Jay Lee painting on YouTube with a few adjustments to our own taste



Elizabeth's favorite snack food we enjoyed almost everyday!



I relived my moped days from when I was 14 and rented these two mopeds on Folly Beach!! So much fun!

Wendy and Mike Buchanan



We praise God:

- The safe travels to Kenya and a wonderful conference.
- Elizabeth and Wendy had a refreshing time in Charleston
- The dedication of the Gbeya, Kaba and Ngbugu Scriptures went well. More about that in our next newsletter.

Please pray:

- Additional financial partners to join with us in this ministry. We are lacking approximately \$500 per month.
- For the Banda-Linda and Bhogoto teams in CAR preparing their NTs for typesetting.
- For the eight new Bible translation projects getting underway in CAR.

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