



# The WAM Report

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## Countdown to Vision 2025 map

In 1999, our organization adopted a big vision: Vision 2025. The vision is that there would be a translation project started in every language still needing one by 2025.

In mid March, Wycliffe USA had their yearly Scripture celebration and introduced the “Countdown to Vision 2025” map—a visual representation of what God is doing around the world as more and more countries achieve Vision 2025. We knew this wasn’t possible by human standards. It would require bold faith, working in partnership and collaboration and an unwavering trust that God would show up.



And He has!

There is still much to be done. About 1,545 languages still need a Bible translation started. Half of those needs are in the 4 countries in red (Nigeria, China, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.) What an exciting time to be alive. We are so thankful for your partnership in this ministry!

## Yaka project restart

We recently heard from Elizabeth Marti, director of SIL's work in Central African Republic, that ACATBA, the national Bible translation organization hopes to officially relaunch the Yaka language project in October. This is in response to the Bayaka community (speakers of Yaka) who've written a formal request letter to ACATBA and made multiple visits since 2017 to discuss in person their desire for ACATBA to re-launch the project.

The Yaka language project was SIL CAR's first local translation project. In addition to expats, it included two Central Africans as the main translators. This team was doing language learning and preliminary translation work when we were there in 1995. The Bayaka have a special place in our heart because I (Mike) did two language surveys among them, first in CAR and later in neighboring Congo. The results of the surveys pointed to the good news that the Bayaka in both regions, though separated by hundreds of miles, speak the same language and should be able to use the same translated Scriptures! (photos below)

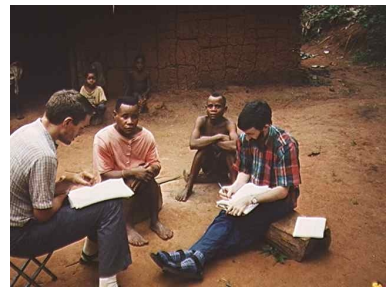


A young Bayaka man displaying a crossbow he made.



Pictures from our 1996 survey trip

Myself and colleagues in dugout canoe headed for Bayaka villages.



Recording a list of words from a Bayaka man to compare with other Yaka communities.

**Pray** for the Bayaka community as they make decisions and move people around to form a well-qualified translation team. **And** for grace for the long, but rewarding road ahead.

Wendy and Mike Buchanan



We praise God:

- For the progress in Bible translation around the world.
- Our son David and his wife Ashley welcomed our second grandchild in Hawaii on January 27th. Audrey Jane was born a month early but is doing well.

Please pray:

- For additional financial partners to join with us in this ministry. We are lacking approximately \$500 per month.
- For the Yaka language project as well as the eight other language projects recently started in Central African Republic.
- Our daughter Elizabeth and her husband Michael are expecting their first child, a little boy, Theodore! Please pray for Elizabeth's continued good health and strength for the remainder of her pregnancy and for God's protection and provision during the birth around August 18th! Thank you so very much!

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