



The WAM Report

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A modern day king in West Africa encounters the King of Kings

The story below is told by Prosper Nongnidé who is from the Republic of Benin in West Africa where he works with Wycliffe Benin as a Bible translation consultant and coordinator. In 2020, he and his team completed the translation of the New Testament in the Idaasha language — his mother tongue. Prosper holds a Master of Divinity degree in Translation Studies from Africa International University in Kenya. He is married to Cathérine and has three children.

I will tell you about a (west African) king. This king, he decided to learn to read and write in his own language. When he had learned to read and write in his own language, he secretly requested a copy of the New Testament in his own language. That New Testament had just been published. So when that king got the New Testament, he went through the whole New Testament secretly. He read the New Testament whenever he could.



Then one day, he called his whole court; he called his family, his advisors and he said, “I have good news to share”. And the people were all excited about what the good news could be. And so he gathered them all together and he stood up and he said, “Today, I want to tell you that I have met another King. And that King is the King of Kings. And today I have decided to surrender my life to that King from now on”.

Can you believe it, that reading Scriptures on his own he came to know the King of Kings?

That shows us how important we need to get quickly — as quickly as possible— scripture translated in people’s language. We don’t have any idea how God can use the seed in His mysterious way to change a life.

It’s not just a powerful Word, it’s an active Word, it’s a life transforming Word. It changes darkness to light and brings people to worship the true God.

And is that not amazing, wonderful, exciting to be part of that kind of ministry that is actually changing the world through Bible Translation?

Did you know? Facts about Benin

- There are **55 languages** spoken in Benin. **20** of those do not have any Scripture available yet.
- Christians in Benin constitute approximately 40% of the country’s population (operationworld.org)
- Christianity first reached Benin in 1680.
- With a **median age of 17**, Benin has one of the youngest populations in the world. 65% are under the age of 25. Women in Benin have 5 children on average!

Family news

We now have three grandchildren in our lives! David and Ashley are living in Honolulu, Hawaii with William and Audrey. Elizabeth and Michael are in Columbia, SC with Theodore.



Audrey Jane—look at those big eyes!



Wendy (aka Mimi) posing with William.



Elizabeth and Michael posing with Theodore a week after the delivery.

Wendy and Mike Buchanan



We praise God:

- For the progress in Bible translation around the world.
- For the safe birth of Theodore Alexander Kennedy.
- For all of you, our partners in ministry who give and pray for us in this work.
- Rejoice with us, as we welcomed a new partner this summer!

Please pray:

- For additional financial partners to join with us in this ministry. We are lacking approximately \$400 per month.
- That God will bring more IT skilled people into missions. There is a big need right now, especially for project managers and developers (back-end developers in particular).
- For the king in West Africa to govern for God's glory and influence his people with the Gospel.

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