



The WAM Report

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Finance training in Dakar Senegal

In early June I, Mike, had the privilege of once again flying to Africa—this time to Dakar, Senegal—for a week of finance training with eight Wycliffe colleagues who are accountants from Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Togo/Benin, and Mali. All of us had already attended the training in Nairobi, Kenya, back in March, but the French speaking participants requested additional time for hands-on practice, especially with the new accounting software we all have begun to use. I really enjoyed getting to use my French again.

It turned out to be a wonderful week. Alongside a few others, I was able to share new training sessions while also spending significant one-on-one time helping participants to address the specific challenges they faced. The fellowship was just as meaningful as the training itself. During meals, we shared food directly from a communal plate—a practice rich with cultural and social significance. Eating from one plate symbolizes unity and the bonds of family and friendship. For me, it was a beautiful reminder of the greater family we share as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Even though the training has ended, our time together has made us more comfortable reaching out to one another for help whenever questions arise.



Photo at the end of the week- family for eternity!



Working in the classroom



We ate from a communal dish at lunch and dinner—each person eating from their section of the plate.

Summer fun in Waxhaw with all the kids and grandkids!



Clockwise from top left: David's best friends from high school joined us several days. David, Audrey and William crossing the lake with William piloting a boat Mike built. Poppi and William reading a book. Uncle David with his nephew Lewis. Mimi reading to Audrey.



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We praise God:

- The shipping container with the newly printed New Testaments in Banda-Linda and Bhogoto has been released from Douala, Cameroon! They are now in Bangui, CAR.
- For the progress in Bible translation around the world.
- For all of you, our partners in ministry, who give and pray for us in this work.
- That our personal monthly financial needs are being met.

Please pray:

- For peace in CAR and Congo so that Bible translation would not be hindered.
- For boldness and wisdom as we begin a new semester, sharing the good news of salvation through Jesus with students at the local community college.

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