

THE PUBOLS POST

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"
 —Isaiah 6:8, NIV

GOING TO AFRICA!

We hope that you had a wonderful Easter, celebrating Christ's resurrection and gift of life for all who believe! The enclosed magazine includes stories of God's work through Bible translation. Please enjoy it as our gift to you.

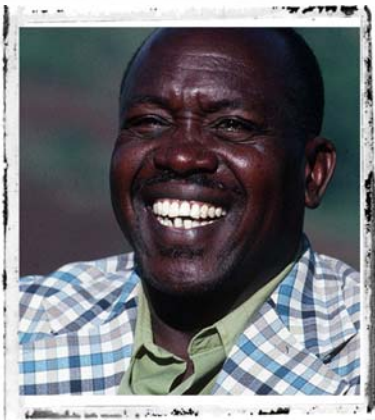
We received our official paperwork to accept assignments in Nairobi, Kenya! We are very excited about this opportunity! Jeff has been invited to be part of the regional computer services team. Heather has been invited to be the communications officer for Wycliffe International, Africa Area.

We've both had the opportunity to visit Kenya. Jeff went to Kenya more than ten years ago on a missions trip with his church. Heather went to Kenya in 2005 for Wycliffe meetings. Part of Heather's time during that trip was in the same office where we will both work. It seems that God used these visits to prepare us for what he had for us next. It's amazing how he does that!

We still have work to do to prepare for our assignments.



The office would like us to do our best to arrive by January 2008. We will need to have a team of prayer supporters, start-up funds secured, pledges received for the full amount of monthly financial support, and all required pre-field training completed before going. It's a lot to do, but God can make it possible!



"In the past, I felt God had not given me the wisdom to be a pastor, even though I knew He had called me to the work. Now I know I can get all the wisdom I need from His Word, because now I can understand and study it to the end of my life."

—Sango Kombisa, African Bible school student, commenting on the Bible recently made available in his language.

TODAY OUR LORD TAUGHT US TO PRAY

In a West African country, a national translation committee recently translated the Lord's Prayer from the Gospel of Luke. After processing all the information and feeling that their translation included all the aspects they had analyzed, they asked one of the Wycliffe translation consultants to read the passage. They just wanted to listen.

The consultant read slowly, pausing appropriately to match the natural meter emerging from the text. The committee members sat quietly with heads bowed.

After the consultant completed the reading, he became concerned at their extended silence. "Is there something wrong?"

The lead translator for the day looked up and said, "Many years ago we all had memorized this prayer in the colonial language. But it was today that our Lord taught us to pray."



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AFRICA?

Facts about translation work in Africa

- More than 2000 languages are spoken in Africa.
- Work is in progress in 300+ languages in more than 20 African countries.
- 190 projects are led by SIL* teams.
- In 110+ projects nationals are the primary translators, while SIL* teams provide training and consulting help.
- Definite translation needs exist in an additional 300 languages; at least 600 more languages need to be surveyed to determine translation needs.

Churches across Africa are crying out for the Scriptures in their own languages, and increasingly, Africans are taking leadership in the work of Bible translation and literacy. Local Bible translation organizations have been formed in several African countries. These organizations mobilize Africans to participate in translation work by praying for the work, giving to it, or serving in a variety of roles including translating the Scriptures for minority language groups in their own countries and abroad. SIL* is providing training and consultant help for them, as well as providing language workers and support personnel to work



under their leadership.

“Christians are needed from around the world, including Christians from the USA, to work with Christians and churches in Africa if all the needs for Bible translation are to be met,” said John Watters, former Africa Area Director. Watters currently serves as the executive director of Wycliffe International.

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THANK YOU & PRAYER REQUESTS

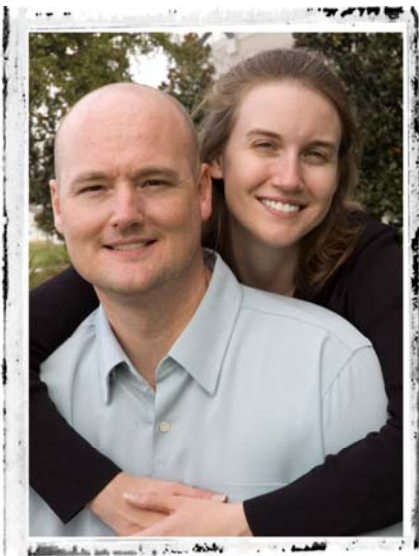
We thank you who have already responded with your commitments to pray and give. It is so encouraging to us! We took this path in obedience, having faith that God would provide whatever we needed to make this possible. He’s beginning to act, and it’s so exciting to see!

We will soon know exactly what our financial need will be. Please continue to pray that God will bring individuals and churches to partner with us.

Thank you also for your prayers.

Committed prayer partners are absolutely vital! Our assignments are an answer to prayer.

In the next few weeks we will be giving serious thought to our timeline—when we will leave our current positions, complete our training, and how we will develop a full financial and prayer support team. Pray that God will give us faith and wisdom to take the right steps at the right time.



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