



The Bradfords head for Africa?!

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Mid-life Crisis?



Kevin, Jann,
Joshua and Caleb

Dear Family and Friends,

The news in our family letter is pretty major this time. We have recently been accepted with Wycliffe Bible Translators to assist with Bible translation work in Cameroon, West Africa. Kevin plans to use his computer skills to help Bible translators use the computer tools that are available and possibly create some new ones. Jann's role at first will probably be "homeschool mom," but when the boys are old enough to attend the Rain Forest International School in Cameroon, she hopes to be involved in the translation process as well.

Why the Big Change?

Through studying the Scriptures (e.g., Matt. 28:19-20), attending "*Perspectives on The World Christian Movement*" (a class on Christian missions), and reading books by John Piper and *The Great Omission* by Steve Saint, we have come to firmly believe that Jesus intended for every one of His followers to be involved in

some way in the completion of the Great Commission, making disciples of all the "nations" (literally, "ethnic groups"). Our decision to join Wycliffe is a direct result of this belief.

We have also grown in our passion for the work of Bible translation through our church's partnership with SIL (Wycliffe's sister organization) in Equatorial Guinea (EG). As many of you know, we have both had the opportunity to visit the Basek, our church's adopted unreached people group in EG. By "unreached" we mean that the Basek do not have a culturally relevant church in their midst nor any Scriptures in a language that speaks to their hearts.

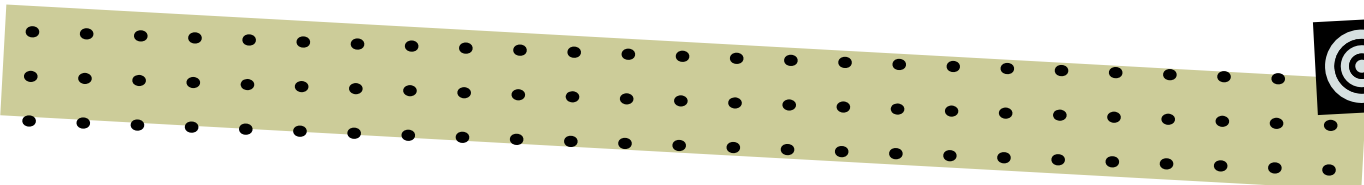
The goal of Wycliffe Bible Translators is to translate the Word of God for those, like the Basek, who do not have the Scriptures in their language so they can know God, become disciples of Jesus Christ, and grow in their journey with God. In addition, Wycliffe is involved in supporting ministries such as literacy training, publishing a body of useful literature, community development work (health education, agricultural improvement, income generation, etc.), and helping save endangered languages and cultures.

A Computer Geek Can Make an Impact

Over the last two years, we have spent much time in prayer about this decision, and have also discussed it in depth with both our partners in EG and with SIL Cameroon. We have come to believe, based on those discussions, that we can make a real impact on the progress of Bible translation by first gaining expertise in the science of linguistics and then combining that with Kevin's



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knowledge of computers. In one recent trial using a computer tool called “Adapt It,” the time required for the first draft phase of the translation process from one related language to another was reduced nearly 80%, and that is what the administration in Cameroon has invited us to do!

A Partnership Team

Wycliffe is a faith mission. With God’s guidance, each member builds and maintains a prayer and financial partnership team that support their ministry. The amount each member receives from Wycliffe varies monthly according to the amount given toward the ministry.

We would like to invite you to become partners with us in helping to complete the Great Commission through the work of Bible translation. Please read the enclosed brochure. If you would like to be a part of our prayer or financial partnership team, simply fill in and return the response portion.

You have received this because you have at some point been a big part of or influence on our lives. Thank you! We will be sending out newsletters periodically to keep you informed of our ministry and our lives. We would appreciate your prayers for the many upcoming changes in our lives. Please see our contact information below.



Basek youth who now meet weekly for Bible study (Kevin in center back)

We’d love to hear from you!

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