

Bradford Ministry

Annual Report 2009

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.” Hab. 2:14

Hello From The Bradfords, Eh?

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This is an open letter to our prayer and financial partners. We are very grateful for your prayers, friendship, and support. We miss you all, and I wish we could communicate and spend time with each of you. Know that you are in our prayers.

I realize that with the current economic situation, many of you are giving sacrificially. I'm very grateful that you choose to give and pray so that God's Word may reach the last language communities in the form they can best understand. I ask God's blessing on you for your generosity and faithfulness.

The intent of this letter is to give you an overview of exactly where we are, what we are doing, and why. We are stewards of your gracious gifts, and it is part of our responsibility to keep you informed and to communicate. If you have any questions, or have a minute to let us know how you are doing, please contact us (see our contact info on page 4)! We would love the opportunity to communicate with you.



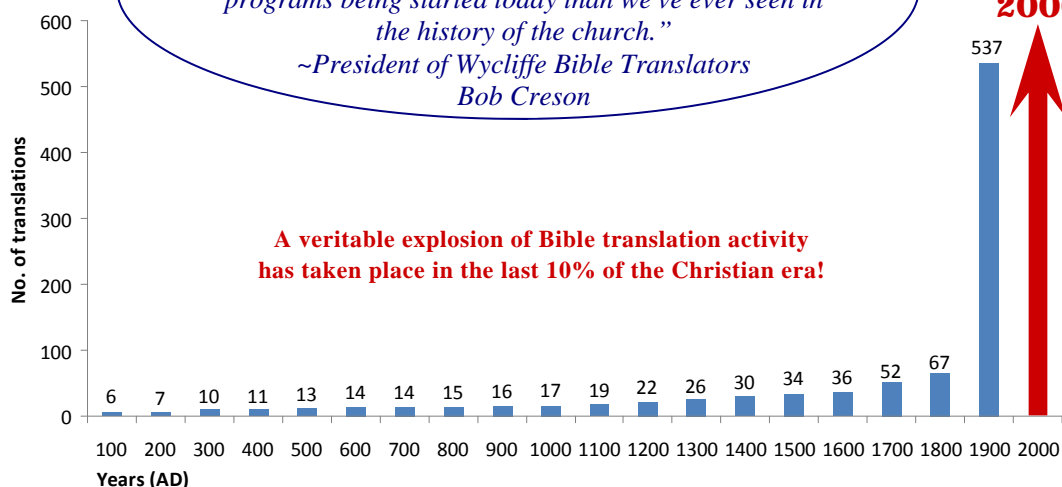
Our Current Plans

- Summer School: June 14 – August 14
- Georgia/Alabama: end of August – early September
- Fall Semester: September 10 – December 19 (possibly)
- Nevada (and Arizona?): December
- Massy, France (French Training): January – December 2010

We would love to see you before we leave!

“We are participating in the greatest acceleration of the pace of Bible translation the church has ever witnessed. We're actually seeing, in reality, more translation programs being started today than we've ever seen in the history of the church.”

*~President of Wycliffe Bible Translators
Bob Creson*



What has Kevin Been Doing?

Kevin has primarily been concentrating on his linguistics training, working on an M.A. in Linguistics from Trinity Western University in Langley, BC, Canada. Which sometimes means he doesn't get much sleep...

Coursework Completed

Summer 2008: Undergrad Prerequisites

- Language and Society
- Articulatory Phonetics
- Phonological Analysis
- Grammatical Analysis

Fall 2008: M.A. Coursework

- Syntax and Semantics
- Language and Cultural Acquisition
- Field Methods: Data Management and Analysis



Spring 2009: M.A. Coursework

- Language Program Design and Management (see "Bafanji" article on p. 4)
- Principles of Literacy
- Advanced Phonological Analysis
- Tone Analysis (audited)

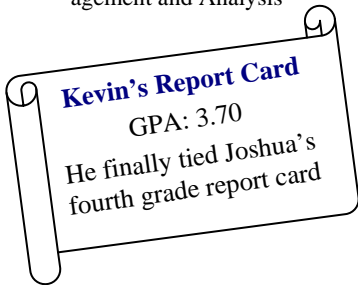


Parlez-vous français?

French is the predominate national language in Cameroon, and we are planning to spend next year in French school near Paris, France before going on to Cameroon for our first tour. We have some additional monthly and one-time expenses as part of French training. If you are interested in hearing about our needs, or could possibly arrange a meeting with your church or a home meeting with friends who might be interested in our ministry, please let us know. Thank you.



Note: If you would like to give toward our French training expenses, please designate your donation as follows: "for Kevin Bradford French Study 74-200503."



Kevin's Report Card

GPA: 3.70

He finally tied Joshua's fourth grade report card

What Are Jann and the Boys Up To?



Picture taken on the ferry on a trip to Vancouver Island with Kevin's cousin, James, and his wife, Linda



Caleb in his snow fort

Joshua and Caleb are enjoying life here in Langley, but they do miss their home, family, and friends back in Las Vegas. We often hear requests for toys that we left in storage back in Vegas or that we got rid of. And holidays and birthdays just aren't the same. Sundays are especially hard for Josh because he misses his home church.

On the whole, though, the boys are doing great. Josh said at one point that this is the favorite place that he has ever lived. They love playing with the Rodermond kids upstairs, riding bikes and playing soccer in the huge yard, and jumping on the trampoline. Caleb loved the

winter snow, as did the rest of us! We are now the proud owners of two pet mice, Reepicheep and Harry. Josh is trying to train his (Reep) to run a little mouse agility course. They are really quite smart!

On Talent Day at school, both the boys participated. Josh played two songs on his recorder and Caleb played "Angels We Have Heard on High" on the keyboard.

I (Jann) have taken one class each semester (Field Methods and Training Across Cultures (TAC) so far, and Language and Culture Acquisition this summer). TAC gave me a taste of



Joshua on Grandparents' Day at Langley Christian School (we took lots of pictures and video for their grandparents!)

what it would be like to teach people in a traditionally oral culture to study the Bible. These courses have helped me to feel connected to what Kevin is doing and to brush up on my linguistics. The rest of the time, I take care of the family and the family business.

Why Does Training Take So Long?

Believe me, I have asked that a few times myself...:) But we have been told to work at whatever we do as if working for the Lord:

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.
Colossians 3:23, 24

Also, Language Development is very complex. Anyone who has tried to learn a new language has struggled with the complexity and differences. To learn and analyze a new language, create a new orthography (alphabet), translate Scripture and literature, design a literacy program in a language that has never been written, for people that have never read, and to do all that WELL requires a great deal of knowledge and practice.

As linguists with Wycliffe, Jann

and I will also be members of Wycliffe's sister organization, The Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL), when we go to France. SIL works with host governments, nongovernmental agencies, indigenous organizations, and academic institutions worldwide as well as with churches and local communities. SIL is a leader in research into endangered languages and their development, helping to save both languages and cultures.

"In line with the SIL purpose statement, we view SIL language programs as language development programs that are based on scholarly research and the application of the research to assist local communities in their development.

"Historically, a hallmark of SIL's work has been its commitment to quality scholarly research and the application of that research to meeting the

needs of the communities in which we work. Because of that commitment to excellence, SIL's work is recognized worldwide and is valued by scholars in all of the academic domains in which we are active. Criticism of SIL has primarily been on ideological grounds, not on the quality of our work.

"Our academic heritage is one we can be proud of. It is also one that we much remain committed to and not allow to suffer. The quality of our applied linguistics work depends on the quality of our research in anthropology, linguistics and sociolinguistics. The level of training we require of our language programs personnel is further evidence of the centrality of the language program in our corporate world and of our commitment to quality academic work."

Stephen L. Walter. INTERCOM, April-June 2000

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The precious children of the Basek village of Yengue, part of the reason we do what we do

"Helping a mother become literate can make a more lasting impact on a community than providing a doctor."

The Easter Story and Literacy Around the Globe!

ORLANDO, Fla., April 7, 2009—In the middle of the "weakest spending environment that the U.S. economy has faced in 17 years," the world's largest Bible translation organization has, since October 2008, received \$117 million (gifts, pledges and other commitments) to press ahead with a billion-dollar effort to provide literacy and humanitarian aid for ALL

the world's small language groups in need of language development by 2025. With plans to recruit 3,000 additional personnel, Wycliffe Bible Translators is well on its way to circling the globe with the Easter story and humanitarian benefits of literacy.

"Helping a mother become literate can make a more lasting

impact on a community than providing a doctor," said Bob Creson, president of Wycliffe Bible Translators. *"While a doctor can fight disease and sickness with medicine, mothers - and ultimately communities - are better served through literacy programs that help mothers read prescriptions, medicine bottles and educate themselves on healthcare."*



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that it is for the ministry of Kevin and
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Bafanji People of Cameroon

One of the courses I took this spring was Language Program Design and Management, in which we surveyed the linguistic and social factors that shape a language development program. The major assignment was to develop and document a language development plan for an unreached people group with no written language or literacy. I was able to work with the Bafanji people of Cameroon, which was a great blessing because that is where we are headed! I did research on national and local factors that would impact the plan, interviewed a pastor and language workers in



Cameroon (including two linguists working with the Bafanji), created a plan for translation and literacy and documented everything (my final report was 64 pages long). In the process I learned a lot about both language programs and Cameroon.

Praise and Prayer

Praise God for:

- Our partnership team...You!
- Kevin's successful completion of ten courses.
- This wonderful place that God has given us to live.



Kevin with Pastor Endje and Christina's kids

Pray for:

- Joshua on Sundays (he feels physically sick because he misses our home church in Las Vegas), and that he and Caleb would learn to trust the Lord during these times of transition.
- The extra funding we need for France. If we don't receive it before August, we may need to return to Vegas at that time to focus on partnership development, and postpone the training planned for the fall semester.
- Two more native Bafanji translators (they have one) and that God would give the Bafanji a hunger for Him and His Word.
- Eden, a boy who comes over to play sometimes, that he would come to know Jesus.
- Our home church.
- Our church's partners: The Basek people of Equatorial Guinea, Pastor Endje's family and Scott Smith's family.

A Special Note for You...