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OUR MINISTRIES

Since 1967, Wycliffe Associates has supported the worldwide efforts of Bible translation by recruiting and mobilizing lay people to offer practical assistance that frees up missionary linguists from tasks that take them away from translation work. Today, millions of people are waiting for a Bible written in a language they can read and understand. Thousands of Wycliffe Associates partners and friends help accelerate translation efforts through dedicated service in numerous areas of ministry. As you read the list below, consider a place to use *your* time and talents to support and further worldwide Bible translation.

Areas of Ministry Where Help Is Needed:

Volunteers—Wycliffe is enriched by the services of hundreds of volunteers who supply thousands of hours of work in many different fields and locations.

Construction—The people involved in our construction ministry help build offices, translation centers, training centers, schools, missionary housing, and airstrips overseas and at home to support translation efforts.

Prayer Watch—We know that the heart of ministry is faith and prayer. We have hundreds of Prayer Watch members who bow before the Lord with our praises and requests on a daily basis.

Banquets—Each year banquets are held throughout the U.S. to introduce people to the world of Bible translation, and to update those who are already supporting Bible translation.

Hospitality Roster—Those involved in this ministry open their hearts and their homes to people involved in Bible translation providing them with a comfortable place to stay, a warm meal, or the simple comforts of a home away from home.

KidZone International—Through a quality Vacation Bible School program, teams of volunteers go throughout the world to provide spiritual enrichment and encouragement to the children of Bible translators and missionaries.

WHERE WE SERVE

Around the world, Wycliffe Associates has been supporting the life-changing work of Bible translation for the purpose of accelerating translation of the Scriptures. And this has only been possible because of the remarkable dedication of thousands of volunteers who have invested their heart and soul and sacrificed so that Bibleless people everywhere will one day have the opportunity to read God's Word in their heart language. Follow the links below to discover how people just like you use their unique gifts and talents to help speed up the work of Bible translation.

OUR HISTORY

Wycliffe Associates was founded in 1967 to support and encourage Bible translators in practical, tangible ways. The founders—Bill Butler, Dale Kietzman, and Rudy Renfer—crafted a ministry, which would provide opportunities for volunteers to use their gifts and abilities in hands-on projects, meeting the real needs of translators on the mission field. It was also the founders' dream to increase Christians' awareness of opportunities for their personal involvement in Bible translation right from their own hometowns.

Hands-On Ministry

God has used thousands of volunteers to help make this dream a reality. The ministries of Wycliffe Associates enable you and others like you to put your knowledge and skills to work in support of Bible translation efforts around the world.

- Construction workers design buildings; do framing, wiring, and bricklaying; install utilities; build translation centers; pave roads; build airstrips; and provide schools, offices, and housing.
- Other volunteers make vital contributions on short-term mission trips providing vacation Bible school programs, accounting, mechanics, and other services.
- Families open their homes to traveling missionaries through the Hospitality Roster, support the Wycliffe Associates Linen Closets, and raise funds for projects through Wycliffe Associates Banquets.
- And only the Lord knows the impact of the hours of prayer on the part of Wycliffe Associates Prayer Watch members.

If you are new or visiting; *a special warm welcome to you.* We trust you enjoy your time with us.

Today we will be having communion. If it is your practice to participate in this we welcome you to join with us in celebrating the Lord's Supper. If this is not your custom or if you are unsure of what to do please just pass the emblems (bread and wine) to the person next to you.

Today

- Speaker Murray Salisbury
- JCF 5.00pm

Next Sunday

- Murray Stevenson.
Global Missions

Prayer

West Asian Group Conference Update Germany:

You began praying about this in November 2008. There were no childcare workers in place. Now, praise God, "Kidzone" team is coming together. They will provide childcare during the March 2009 conference. So far there are eight on the team; 12 would be ideal. Pray for those coming to serve in this way as they raise funds for the travel and lodging. Pray for their preparation and the ability to relate quickly to children of many nationalities, some of whom speak little English. Pray that it will go smoothly for the conference registration website due to launch this month, January 2009.

Displaced Peoples West Asia:

People who have been displaced from their home countries for political or religious reasons often have deep spiritual needs. They may have suffered trauma due to harassment or imprisonment. Many leave close-knit families behind. Despite viable economic situations in their countries of origin for some, many end up with very little as refugees or asylum seekers. Pray for such people. Pray for cross-cultural workers to receive God's help while ministering to them. If displaced people follow Jesus, this may result in even greater inability to return to the countries of origin.

