

**Connecting the Church to Bibleless People Groups
and Bibleless People Groups to the Church**

**SUPPORTING MISSIONARIES IN
BIBLE TRANSLATION
WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples (1 Chronicles 16:24, NIV).

Our God Moves Mountains

This quarter's prayer letter is opened with a word of praise to God who moves mountains. As you prayed with us



concerning Steve's computer project when our last letter was printed, we knew God was at work through the sleepless nights, extra hours of work on the project and the unity that grew in the team as commu-

nication increased to the benefit of the project. We needed to practice patience, understanding and cooperation to persevere in a project that seemed to be bombarded by the enemy with roadblocks. Victory is His as we persevere in trials. Steve felt stretched in this project for the Kingdom. We can say that through times like this, more equipping takes place to be even more effective for Him. Though we wish we could say the project was completed, it's an even bigger answer to prayer at this point to say that the mountainous roadblocks to completing this project have been removed! For this we praise God above! This project is in a vital restructuring mode with the team in Dallas, TX, for the time being.

Midnight Meetings

Steve met with team members in the US during his regular Wycliffe day and met with other team members in Asia at

midnight. The beauty of Skype enabling virtual teams around the world to function together for the benefit of the gospel is mind-boggling and awesome!

Thank you for stretching with us in intercession over this project. Wycliffe does not recommend such extra hours as this or the toll it can take on family life. We as a family were reminded that we, too, must operate as a team and remain committed to the task for the sake of the Gospel brought to the Bibleless peoples of the world.

The Theme Experienced

As we've been praying together for God to move mountains on the computer project, He has gone even further and allowed us to see the majesty of mountains through the invitation of churches in WA and OR. It was a blessing and privilege to fellowship together, share with them about Bible translation needs and be a voice for the Bibleless of the world. From March 3-15, we flew to Seattle, WA, took part in the area Bible conference, shared at five churches, went to the top of the Space Needle, and took the train home. Fantastic views of mountains throughout Montana were an experience we'll cherish during such intercession for God to move mountains in the project and in our personal lives.



*That every
tribe and
tongue may
worship the
Lamb...*

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Crossing Bridges

We crossed many huge bridges while out West. We love bridges! We pray that as awareness grows concerning the need for Bible translation, more of God's people will cross bridges in their lives and say, "Yes, Lord, send me."

MATA

We're thankful for the time Dary Finck took to show us the Mission Aviation Training Academy in Arlington, WA. There is a great deficiency of missionary pilots with materials and mission projects waiting for them. Learn more at: MATA-USA.ORG



Jason & Friends

It was a joy to meet new friends like the Longs, Brocatos and many others who were so gracious and hospitable. We also made sure we appreciated the time with Jason before he isn't able to travel with us regularly anymore after his graduation, when he heads to Bible School.



This is Very Good by Michelle Smith

At a recent workshop, I was able to hear the Zanaki pray for the first time in their heart language.

One day during the second week of the workshop, I sat next to an elderly Zanaki pastor during our lunch break. I asked him to share his testimony with me. He had first believed as an adult twenty-one years ago, so he had learned to pray in church. Because Tanzania churches use the Swahili Bible, prayer is always in Swahili. I asked him, "But what about when you are at home, or if you are alone, what language do you use when you pray?" The pastor thought for a moment and answered, "Swahili, I always use Swahili. I don't think I ever prayed in Zanaki. Yes, I am sure I never have in my whole life."

I was surprised and sad to hear that this soft spoken, gentle pastor had never spoken to Jesus in his heart language. When I asked him a few questions, he readily agreed it would be possible to pray in Zanaki. He believed God would understand Zanaki, but since Swahili, the national language, is the language of the Bible, it simply never occurred to him that he could use his mother tongue for prayer.

That afternoon I had the seven Zanaki workshop participants stop their work to pray for the upcoming Bible translation and literacy project. Just before beginning, I asked them to use Zanaki. They were startled, but agreed. In Tanzania fashion, they all prayed out loud simultaneously. Passionate Zanaki prayers tumbled out as they asked God to bless the project. One woman simply sat smiling and crying, listening to the others pray in her language.

When their voices all quieted, one man closed with a Zanaki, "In Jesus' name, amen." They lifted their heads, and everyone had tears running down. Tanzanians don't often cry in public, but every one of the seven were wiping their eyes. The elderly pastor, who had just prayed and heard others pray in Zanaki for the very first time, could not stop smiling. One Zanaki man said, "Lets do this again. This is very good."

Prayer Requests

- Health in our home as we've faced several weeks of illness and had to cancel the trip to MI to share an update in April.
- Strength and energy to be able to accomplish things after the setback of illness and be ready for Jason's graduation on June 11.
- Wisdom on Steve's current computer project, which is working on the Wycliffe Opportunities Web site page for easier access to the public in order to view and consider the positions needing to be filled.
- God's Spirit to move in hearts of nationals willing to sacrifice time to be part of a translation team for the Scriptures to be translated.

Praises

- Mountains moved on the previous computer project and the restructuring now taking place in order to provide more needed language resources.
- Health/safe journeys on the trip out West and Steve being able to keep up with the project during our travels. Depending on where we were, meeting with the team got interesting but still workable between PST, MST, and EST.



Team meeting while on the train. :)