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'We advance on our knees'

William Cameron Townsend,
Wycliffe founder

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The photo is by Elyse Patten, taken during a church service at Trinity Church, Cape Town, South Africa.



EDITORIAL

Praying for the rule of God

Some say Wycliffe is a task-focused organisation. Our goal is for everyone to have the Scriptures in their own language. This means we have a lot of work to do. But the reality is that if we are to see anything of God's kingdom come on Earth, we must first be praying. 'Your kingdom come' is certainly a call on us to action and work, but it is firstly a prayer. It is a prayer that calls us to have the rule of God at work in our own lives, but above all, for God's rule to be established on Earth. Therefore, its primary focus is not us, but every corner of the globe, every people group and every organisation where his reign is not acknowledged.



There is a close relationship between work and prayer. As someone said, 'We work as though everything depends on us and pray as though everything depends on God'. If only we did the latter a bit more passionately!

The Hebrew word *avodah* is a word used for both work and worship. It was used to describe the work of the Hebrew slaves making bricks in Egypt, but also applied to the prayers of the worshippers in the temple. Sometimes to pray is hard work. Other times it leads to work.

Most Western Christians are by nature and nurture, workers, rather than pray-ers. Prayer feels passive to us. Yet God calls us to pray for the work of the kingdom to be advanced. This means praying passionately like my prayer-warrior friends in Zimbabwe taught me during their two-hour pre-service prayer times. It means not giving up easily and not expecting great things to occur without great prayer. It means seeing prayer as a way to become part of God's work in God's world. It's not distinct and separate from the work itself. To this we are called and, as we spend our energy in prayer, we discover that we also are part of the work.

Rev Julian Holdsworth, Director of Ministries and Church Relations

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If you also wish to join us for our special **60 Days of Prayer**, see details next page.



Join Wycliffe Australia for our '60 Days of Prayer'*

**13 September to
11 November 2014**

Wycliffe Australia owes much to the many faithful prayer partners and prayer groups who have supported the Bible translation movement here in Australia over the years. As we come to the end of our 60th celebrations and look forward to the future, we have set aside, as an organisation, a season of prayer. Beginning on 13 September and ending on 11 November (the annual Wycliffe World Day of Prayer), we plan to reflect on the faithfulness of God and consecrate again our commitment to Him and to those without access to the Scriptures.

We invite individuals and prayer groups to join us during these 60 days. You can choose to pray daily, weekly or at a frequency that works for you. For prayer groups, we want to fill every one of the 60 days with a commitment from a group to pray with us. We invite you to consider choosing a day, or a number of days for prayer.

Materials provided

Prayer material will be available in print format, on a Prayer App, on our website, on Facebook or sent to your email. For those who would like to host a prayer meeting, we will provide you with a Wycliffe Prayer Pack.

How to get involved

Register your interest to pray individually or to host a prayer meeting by emailing 60daysofprayer@wycliffe.org, filling out the form on the website <http://wycliffe.org.au/60daysofprayer/> or by writing to Wycliffe Australia 60 Days of Prayer, 70 Graham Rd, Kangaroo Ground 3097.

**For regular subscribers to Prayer Words, the '60 Days of Prayer' is an extra feature and does not replace Prayer Words.*

Wycliffe Australia will be using the Global Recordings Prayer App

Wycliffe Australia is thrilled with the development of a new Prayer App by Global Recordings Network that allows you to receive prayer needs on your iPhone or Android mobile phone. You can also choose when and how often you pray and schedule a reminder for yourself.

We will be using this Prayer App for our 60 Days of Prayer. To receive Wycliffe's prayer material, go to Settings and click on Subscriptions, then select Wycliffe 60 Days of Prayer. Prayer information will only be available closer to the date but feel free to check out this great Prayer App first at the direct address of <http://globalrecordings.net/en/prayerapp>





By Barry Borneman

The view from the doors of the chapel, in the beginning stages of renovation.

Transforming the Land

Wycliffe Bible Translators believes in the transforming power of Jesus and His Word in the lives of people. Our National Centre at 70-80 Graham Road Kangaroo Ground has also gone through its own transformation since it was purchased in 1967. At that time the 11 hectare property was grassland with just a few trees and one old building. It is now an amazing well-landscaped property with offices, lecture rooms, library and on-site accommodation and conferencing facilities. The buildings are constructed from mud bricks

made by volunteers working the clay on the property, the first building being designed by mud-brick guru Alistair Knox. Hundreds of native flora were planted to complement the landscape thanks to volunteer gardeners like Roy and Janet Gwyther-Jones. A recent visitor, a member of the Native Plant Association, described the property as having the best eremophila garden she had ever seen. This native plant commonly known as the Emu Bush or Fuchsia Bush is perfect for this area with its tolerance

of harsh conditions whether it be drought, fire or grazing kangaroos.

The next stage in the development of the property is now underway as the previously used caravan area is transformed into a place for personal reflection and prayer. The old mud-brick recreation room is taking on the new character of a prayer chapel, providing a reflective space that is open to all who come here. Much still needs to be done, so if you, or your home group, or church have a particular passion for prayer and would like to be a part of developing this reflective space, please give us a call. We need artists, gardeners, landscapers, builders, or just a willing hand. We see this property as a testament to the glory and faithfulness of God through the passion and creativity of volunteers and the persistence of God's praying people.



An 'eremophila' bush from the garden.

A Tribute to June Head

A dedicated member of the Wycliffe family, June will be dearly missed

By Bill James

June served for nearly half a century with her husband Rob in Papua New Guinea 1962-2008. Together they translated the New Testament, and a small part of the Old Testament, into four dialects of the Kaugel language group. She and Rob continued editing Scripture in two of the dialects for MegaVoice audio players, and had annual short trips back to PNG after 2008.

Linguistic challenges included coming up with a translation of New Testament concepts such as 'hope'. Other challenges included Rob's manoeuvring their vehicle along treacherous cliff-edge roads; living in a tiny, cramped campervan for extended periods; health crises; and being attacked by machete-wielding and gun-toting 'rascals'.

Born in Yarraville, an inner western suburb of Melbourne, June grew up in The Basin to Melbourne's east, attending the local primary school, and later Box Hill Girls' Technical School. She was evangelised by a godly Religious Education teacher, and was converted at the age of thirteen, as a result of a vivid outline of the gospel which came to her in a



June Head (1936-2013)

dream. At fourteen she left school to commence office work, and outside work hours she taught at The Basin Presbyterian Sunday School, ran Scripture Union beach missions and attended Belgrave Heights conventions.

During the years 1958-60 June studied at Melbourne Bible Institute, and then in 1961 at an SIL Linguistics course, where she met Rob. It was not love at first sight, but it was love eventually, and in a whirlwind few months in 1962 they were engaged, married, joined Wycliffe Bible Translators Australia then left for PNG to work in Bible translation. She was sent out by St Hilary's Anglican Church, Kew, in Victoria, and was always grateful for their faithful ongoing prayer and financial support.

June suffered from bouts of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome in PNG, but devoted the times when she was incapacitated - and the rest of her life - to an organised, disciplined and globally-ranging prayer ministry. She displayed her gift for multi-skilling by simultaneously running a home, working on translation projects and home-schooling their two children when away from Ukarumpa.

Later, Peter and Nola rewarded their mum by presenting her (and their dad) with eight grandchildren!

June died on 23 November 2013 from secondary complications, just over two years after being diagnosed with oesophageal cancer.

A photograph showing several men in white traditional Sherpa clothing (ghosus) standing on a stage. One man is speaking into a microphone, while others look on. A large bouquet of red and white flowers is in the foreground. To the left, a wooden pillar with a large cross is visible. The background is a red curtain.

What does perseverance look like?

By Barry Borneman

Sherpa Christian leaders welcoming guests at the Sherpa New Testament dedication.

On 29 April 2014, those attending the dedication of the Sherpa New Testament in Kathmandu, Nepal, heard and saw the results of tremendous perseverance. The Sherpa New Testament was 47 years in the making, from the very first language survey undertaken in 1967 by two Wycliffe Australia members to the completed translation by a Korean team and local Sherpa Bible translators. In 1967 there was no alphabet, no church and no known believers. For most of the 47 years it was illegal for local citizens to 'lean on Jesus' and any who openly chose to do so were persecuted and jailed. They suffered severely.

Our own Wycliffe colleagues also struggled with illness, suffered life-threatening accidents, and experienced depression often associated with spiritual attacks. Add to this, logistical challenges, visa restrictions and civil war and one can see that the race our translators had set before them was never going to be easy. At times the translators barely held out hope.

Ten years ago things started to turn when a Sherpa man who had been crippled by polio at a young age, believed in Jesus. He immediately wanted to share this good news

among the other villages but was unable to traverse the massive mountain trails. He asked God what he could do for Him and his mind turned to the courage and dedication of one of the earlier translators from Wycliffe Norway.

Perseverance is a mark of the Holy Spirit working in our life. We are encouraged to 'run with perseverance the race marked out for us' (Hebrews 12:1) continuing on in hope through the blood, sweat and tears of life, still knowing that we serve a victorious Jesus.

Dag Wendel and his wife and three children had been making good progress on translation through the 1980s when a 'freak' wind, on a perfectly calm and sunny day, blew him off the roof of his house. The fall broke his back. He was evacuated to Norway to undergo rehabilitation and then amazingly returned to continue on with translation, only this time in a wheelchair. Not long after, he died of cancer. The memory of Dag Wendel's commitment inspired the young Sherpa man. While he could not move around from village to village because of his disability, he decided that God wanted him to

help translate the Jesus story so it could be sent to every village.

The young Sherpa man joined the translation team now led by a Korean Wycliffe member. He proved to be a quick learner and in a short time became a crucial member of the translation team. A freak accident meant for evil was turned on its head, as the perseverance of one man inspired another to complete the task.

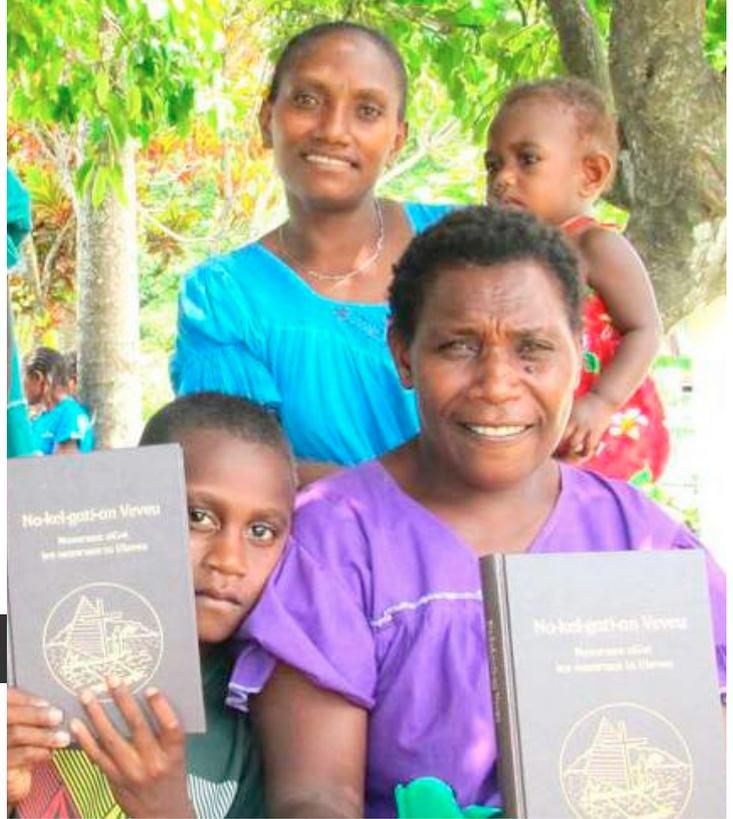
Dag Wendel's wife and one of their daughters, along with Warren Glover and Luke Zylstra, the two Australians who completed the first language survey in 1967, were present to share in the joy of the Sherpa Christian community receiving their own New Testament.

It is stories like this that reflect the Apostle Paul's observation that suffering in the cause of the gospel produces perseverance, and perseverance produces amazing character, resulting in a beautiful hope (Romans 5:3-4). That hope was shining in the eyes and in the worship of the Sherpa Christians in the Himalayan mountains on that dedication day in April. They had persevered and now a 'new day' has dawned for them because they have the New Testament in their own Sherpa language.

Persevering in Prayer

By Bill James

*A Maskelyne family holding
their New Testaments*



David and Sue Healey

On 9 April 2014 the Rev David Fuller of All Saints Anglican Church in Greensborough, Melbourne, attended the dedication of the Maskelynes New Testament on the remote string of islands in Vanuatu. Rev Fuller was there because All Saints have supported the Healey family since 1998 when David and Sue Healey first went out from Wycliffe Australia to work with the Maskelyne people. At the dedication he was able to tell David and Sue confidently '...I could hardly recall a Sunday when we didn't pray for you at each of our three services.' Is this not a case of perseverance and faithfulness in prayer? In our 60th year, Wycliffe Australia salutes churches like this that have prayed with hope and have not grown weary.

Prayer groups and churches like these have developed deep and meaningful connections with some of the poorest communities around the world because of prayer. The celebrations in the Maskelyne Islands also became a celebration for the congregation at All Saints, along with others who have partnered with the Healeys over the years. For three days the Maskelyne Christians enthusiastically prayed, sang, danced and feasted as they launched their New Testament. The village on the last day was swelled by politicians, overseas guests, church leaders, visitors from other islands and of course, neighbouring villagers.

Chief Gren Obadiah welcomed the guests, Wycliffe Australia's Darrell Thatcher preached to the crowd, and then Maskelyne Session Moderator, Pastor Samson, officially dedicated the freshly-printed volumes as they were lifted from their boxes. Then came the high point of the day as the community lined up to purchase their printed copies of the New Testament as well as audio versions that had been recorded onto solar-powered MegaVoice audio players.

David Healey, speaking in the local language, delivered a passionate speech urging the people to read and apply God's Word to their lives - a people whose first language is neither English, nor Bislama (Vanuatu's national language), but Maskelynes. They now have no remaining barrier to getting to know the Scriptures. As the sun set on the final day of celebration, the *stick fire*, a symbol of continuity in the translation process, was passed from the Maskelyne community to the next community in Vanuatu who will receive the Scriptures in their own language - speakers of the Nafe language of South Tanna.

In our 60th year, Wycliffe is similarly praying that the *stick fire* that has burned so brightly in faithful prayer groups and churches around Australia will continue to be passed on to the next generation.

**'Let them give glory to the LORD and
proclaim his praise in the islands.'**
Isaiah 42:12

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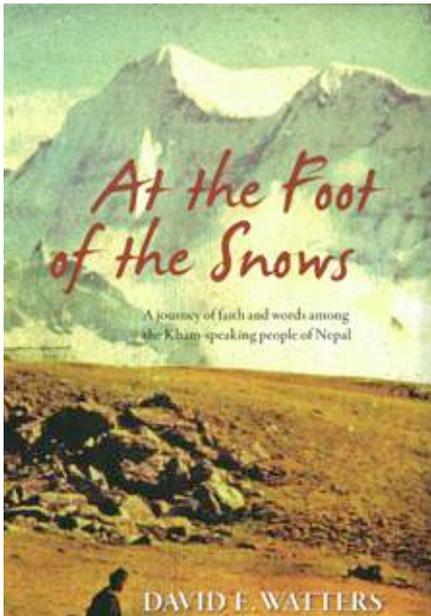
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Christine Franklin, Wycliffe Bookroom

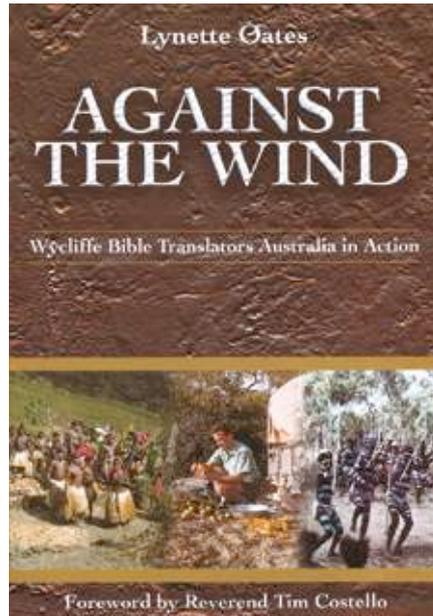


AT THE FOOT OF THE SNOWS

By David E. Watters with Steve & Daniel Watters

The inspiring story of an American family living among the virtually unknown Kham Magar people of Nepal. After years of forming special friendships, and persevering in study and hard work, they translated Scriptures into the Kham language, igniting a spark of interest in the gospel that would fan to life through years of persecution. Through it all, David & Nancy Watters struggled to demonstrate that gospel to these people who lived, as they said themselves, 'at the foot of the snows'.

Price \$30.00

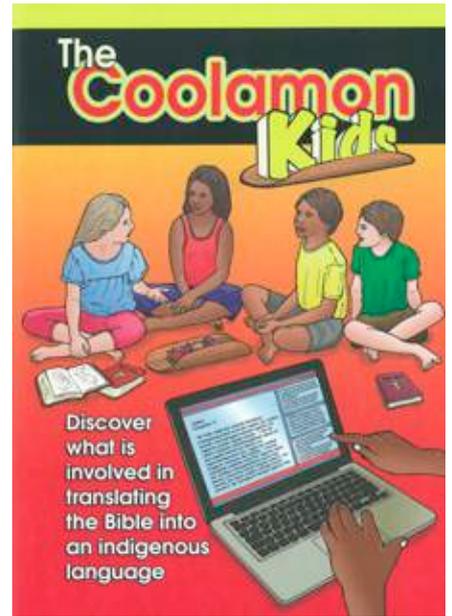


AGAINST THE WIND

Wycliffe Bible Translators Australia in Action, by Lynette Oates

A book about the contribution of several hundred Australians to the worldwide work of Bible translation through the organisations of Wycliffe Bible Translators Australia and the Summer Institute of Linguistics Australia. Many of these Australians were known and honoured for their academic excellence, cooperative work with governments and universities of many countries, and passion for recognising minority peoples.

Price \$20.00



THE COOLAMON KIDS

A new children's activity book published by Bible Society Australia and Wycliffe Bible Translators Australia celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Ngarrindjeri Scriptures and the 60th anniversary of Wycliffe in Australia. Suitable for children aged approximately 9-15 years old. Discover what is involved in translating the Bible into an indigenous language.

Price \$5.00



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The Value of Persistent Prayer

Twenty-four years ago, a Wycliffe prayer partner began praying for a Muslim group in West Africa. For three years she prayed, with no obvious results.

Finally, in 1993, a man named Dalmar* accepted Christ through the testimony of a local believer.

After that, it was another fourteen years of silence. Dalmar continued to follow Christ, but no one else in his community seemed interested.

Although he was alone in his faith, Dalmar didn't give up. Instead, he helped a missionary couple with linguistic research, and then went to seminary for training. There he met his wife, and in 2005, they started working on a Bible translation so others in his community could more clearly understand the message about Jesus. Through their testimony, Dalmar's cousin accepted Christ.

Dalmar and his wife first translated the books of Ruth and Genesis. Normally, translators begin with one of the Gospels, but since Dalmar's people were Muslim, it

was more powerful to start from a chronological perspective.

'The story of (Genesis) sweeps away some misconceptions the Muslim people have about the Christian faith,' Dalmar explains. 'For instance, common Muslim people are taught from childhood that Christians do not believe in God. But when the Muslim people read the book of Genesis ... they realise that Christians do believe in God and that their God is the Creator of the World.'

Dalmar was thrilled to distribute a complete translation of Genesis around his community. Many of his neighbours eagerly started reading the stories to each other. One man was so happy that he put the copy on his head, under his turban, in order to keep it close to his mind.

'Our people loved the booklets you gave them,' said one man. 'They talk about the wonderful stories. They make such an impression on us because they are written in our own language and they talk about God. ...Very often, people sit together and read these stories.'

Recently nearly one hundred families, including Dalmar's, were suffering from hunger after a drought killed their animals. But God supplied the funds for Dalmar to purchase food and animals for all these families. Afterwards a man who used to persecute Dalmar for his faith in Christ said, 'Now I have come to realise that you (Christians) are the children of God's kingdom. You have the eternal life.'

This act also touched Dalmar's brother deeply. He was so moved that Christians were helping his people that he decided to accept Christ.

Twenty-four years after that Wycliffe partner first began praying, Dalmar's neighbours are finally reading the Scriptures—words that are introducing them to their Saviour. And similar prayers are being answered all over the world. By praying for communities like Dalmar's, you can play a key role in the work of Bible translation.

* pseudonym

Adapted from the Wycliffe Bible Translators USA website

CELEBRATE BY FUNDING A PROJECT

The response to our projects for the 60th year celebration has been slowly building as many people have given both small and large donations to a specific project or have spread their gift over several projects. Every gift is appreciated and gratefully received. You can follow how each project is progressing at www.wycliffe.org. In this edition of *Wycliffe Today* we include a few of the current projects for your prayerful consideration.



David Sharp at the consultant check of Acts for the Gergu Translation Project.

PROJECT NO. 8521

NENETS WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Siberia \$6,130

This project will fund a four-day workshop for adults and children of the Nenets and Khanti language groups in Northern Siberia. It will provide a rare opportunity for everyday people to produce literature in these northern languages. The workshop will conclude with a celebration and presentation of booklets to all who have participated. These booklets will be selected stories chosen for publication which in turn encourage others to strengthen their literacy skills in their own mother tongue. Down-trodden small people groups often cannot believe that they themselves are able to produce stories and poems. New dimensions open up in their souls when they do, and that is something worth celebrating!

The Nenets live a nomadic lifestyle herding reindeer across the Arctic tundra of Russia. Even in the winter months with only two or three hours of daylight, and temperatures down to -50°C, they move their *choom* (a reindeer-skin tent), every three to four days as they follow their herds from pasture to pasture.

PROJECT NO. 8523

THE GERGU TRANSLATION PROJECT

Chad \$5,350

David & Elly Sharp have been working in the Gergu [Mukulu] translation and literacy project since 1992. These subsistence farmers living in the savannah region of central Chad have achieved much over the years, with the Gergu literacy and bilingual program receiving UNESCO recognition in 2013. For family reasons the Sharps now live in Australia with David working with the Gergu translators through email and Skype. At the same time Elly fills the

vital role of PA to the Wycliffe CEO. Each year they need to return to Chad to complete the final translation consultant checks. With ten New Testament books still to receive their final check there is plenty of hard work ahead for them. This fund will enable David & Elly to return to Chad and bring the team together to complete the last of the consultant checks.

PROJECT NO. 8524

FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE FOR THE NAKANAI BIBLE PROJECT

Papua New Guinea \$21,000

The Nakanai New Testament was published in 1983. Local leaders are now very keen to revise the New Testament and translate the Old Testament, as well as produce a dictionary in time for the centenary of the arrival of the gospel to their area. Nakanai speakers live in 42 villages spread along 150 kilometres of coastline, linked by roads that in most places are very rough and, in the wet season, all but impassable. Ray Johnston, the WBTA translation specialist, and Sebulon Kulu OBE, Chairman of the Bible Council and former PNG ambassador to Indonesia, need a reliable vehicle to transport local delegates, pick up national translators, drafters and village checkers to serve the requirements of visiting Scripture consultants and advisers. Local motivation is high, but transportation across difficult terrain is an obstacle. This four-wheel drive is the final infrastructure catalyst for advancing this translation project.

To support a project, please complete the enclosed coupon and return in the addressed envelope.

Alternatively please go to www.wycliffe.org.au/donate or email david_tilbury@wycliffe.org

OTHER PROJECTS STILL NEEDING SUPPORT

PROJECT NO 8130 Advancing National Translators, Bangladesh \$30,000

PROJECT NO 8314 Songhai Akasalem Literacy, Togo Benin \$11,000

PROJECT NO 8321 Kon Bible Translation, East Asia \$15,560

PROJECT NO 8326 North Bengal Partnership, India \$47,500

PROJECT NO 8337 Scripture Use, Solomon Islands \$7,000

PROJECT NO 8343 Building for Tomorrow = Developing Local Translators, Vanuatu \$13,500

PROJECT NO 8344 Vanuatu Bible Translation, Vanuatu \$11,000

PROJECT NO 8346 Training for the Pacific Region \$10,000

PROJECT NO 8501 Gurung Translation, Nepal \$18,150

PROJECT NO 8507 Solar Panels for Translation Office, Cambodia \$3,500

PROJECT NO 8509 The Amazing Expanding New Testament, East Timor \$2,860

PROJECT NO 8510 Strengthening the African Churches' Ownership of Bible Translation \$66,000

PROJECT NO 8516 Jesus Film Duplication in Bantoanon/Asi Language, Philippines \$1,130

PROJECT NO 8518 Translating Wycliffe Stories for Recruitment in Chile and Argentina \$6,500

PROJECT NO 8522 Lawnmower for Nankina Airstrip, Madang Province, PNG \$5,350

PROJECT NO 8619 WordSign Project Translation for the Deaf, Worldwide \$40,000

PROJECT NO 8517 Village House for Julie Mackay, Bougainville \$11,500

Some New Members

The mission of Wycliffe Australia depends on Christians who have a love for people and a love for the Word, putting up their hands to go, and their churches and friends partnering with them in finances and prayer. Here we introduce you to some of our new Wycliffe members who are ready to go. Please pray for these new teams and ask the Lord if he would have you connect with any of them. To support these members please fill out and send the enclosed form to us or go to www.wycliffe.org.au/donate/payments/



Keith & Elspeth Campbell
From Townsville, Queensland to PNG

With backgrounds in management and education, Keith and Elspeth plan to use their abilities in the critical role of Regional Centre Managers in PNG providing practical support and encouragement to teams working on Bible translation, training and literacy. If you appreciate what solid logistical support means to the front line then you might want to help them on their way.



Tim & Prue Scott
From Sydney to Kandern, Germany

Black Forest Academy is a well-renowned international school for missionary children from around the world and has served many Wycliffe families over the years. Mission organisations take a shared responsibility to provide teachers and we have an outstanding contribution to make in Tim and Prue, with Tim as Vice-Principal and Academic Dean. The big challenge is that it is not cheap to live in Germany. They need a big team! If you love education and providing opportunities for missionary children then this is a great team to belong to. Departure date is immediate.



Stephen & Jodi Armytage
From Orange, NSW to Vanuatu

Both Stephen and Jodi have from an early age valued the Scriptures and as a couple have a strong desire to serve in cross-cultural ministry. Stephen is the 'Mr Fix-It' man and Jodi has trained as a literacy specialist. The Vanuatu Director can hardly wait for them to come and fill a vital role at the centre in Port Vila.



Gavin & Kathy Morgan
Queensland Regional Director

Our Queensland team has been without a Director for a number of years and we are delighted to announce that Gavin and Kathy Morgan have joined the team in this capacity. Gavin brings a love for Bible-based ministry with a background in Christian Education and chaplaincy with Scripture Union. Gavin and Kathy will be a great support to our Queensland teams and will help Wycliffe to better connect with the Queensland churches.



Saul & Rebecca Thurrowgood
From Brisbane to Dallas, USA

Saul and Rebecca are joining an exciting cutting-edge project aiming to develop and use the latest in animation and motion capture to produce translations for the Deaf communities around the world. The research centre is in the USA and they aim to move there as soon as possible. You can read more on their website at <http://saulbecnews.com/resources/>

Bethel Funerals

In the 1990s, the then Director of Wycliffe Bible Translators Australia, David Cummings, knew that without the services of a strong home office, our contribution to Bible translation would be less than it should be. Thus began the story of Bethel Funerals, which was established to not only provide a compassionate and caring service for those mourning the loss of their loved ones, but to also distribute all profits to mission. Since then Bethel Funerals has provided over \$1,000,000 to Wycliffe Australia. What an answer to prayer!

In recent years Bethel Funerals has grown beyond its well-established Mitcham Branch in Melbourne, and while it has been an uphill struggle at times, it is now serving south-east Queensland through its office in Brisbane. Growth plans however have not finished as Bethel Funerals has just opened a new branch at Carrum Downs to serve the south-east growth corridor of Melbourne. Please pray for this initiative. A successful Bethel Funerals business feeds directly into supporting Wycliffe. If you want to know more about the services offered by Bethel Funerals go to www.bethelfunerals.com.au





Upcoming 60th Anniversary Events: Mark your Diary now!

Celebration of Bible Translation, Adelaide

Join us in our joint commemoration of Wycliffe Australia's 60 years of Bible translation and the 150th Anniversary of Bible Society's first Scripture publication in Australia in 1864 (the Ngarrindjeri Scriptures as translated by Rev George Taplin). Special items will include a performance by local Kurna and Ngarrindjeri musician Nelson Varcoe and his band, and a talk by a Ngarrindjeri elder. A special feature will be Scriptures in languages from all over the world in which Wycliffe members from South Australia have been involved.

Date: Monday, 8 September 2014

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: Tabor Bible College
181 Goodwood Road
Millswood SA

Supper will be provided so please RSVP to Louise Sherman, Bible Society (08) 8292 4888 or fill in the online form at wycliffe.org.au/event/adelaidecelebration

For more info contact events_australia@wycliffe.org



Wycliffe 60th Celebration, Sydney

Sixty years ago the Principal and students of Sydney Missionary and Bible College prayed for and farewelled the very first five members of Wycliffe Bible Translators Australia as they left by ship for the Philippines. This year, Wycliffe returns to SMBC to celebrate the last 60 years in Australia. All are welcome to join us.

Date: Saturday, 25 October 2014

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: Sydney Missionary and Bible College
Roberts-Dale Campus
140 Croydon Avenue
Croydon Park NSW

For more info contact events_australia@wycliffe.org



Wycliffe Prayer Day, Melbourne

We invite all supporters and friends of Wycliffe Australia to join us as we continue reflecting on God's faithfulness and looking to the future. Participate in our self-guided reflection and directed prayer spaces, which will include children-friendly stations. We plan to end the day with an official service recommitting ourselves and the work of Bible translation to God.

Date: Tuesday, 4 November 2014

Time: Self-guided prayer from 9 am.

Directed prayer spaces begin at 10 am.

Official service will be from 4 pm to 5:30 pm.

Venue: Wycliffe National Centre
70 Graham Road
Kangaroo Ground Victoria

Please bring your own lunch.

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