

Caryl's Chronicles



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I'm in Training!

I began training at JAARS January 17 and I have completed the Spiritual Discipleship Course. I am now in the longest segment of my training, Intercultural Communications (ICC).

Besides binders of outlines and reading materials, I so far have two textbooks; **Ministering Cross Culturally** and **Anthropological Insights for Missionaries**. I've been assigned to Ebenezer AME Zion Church to be my cross cultural church family while I am here, along with three other trainees.



My ICC Small Group: L-R - Gavin Jones, Aviation, Me!, Josephine LeBoucher, France, Vernacular Media Services (VMS), CJ Wenzel Christian Motorcyclist Association (CMA) & JillyBean Puppets, Jan King, Facilitator, Mary Kim, Korea, VMS & Jamie Halverson, Aviation.

I've already tasted Peanut Stew from West Africa at an ICC welcome dinner. I sit next to a young woman from France and I help explain things she doesn't understand. JAARS is providing English as a Second Language classes for her on the side.

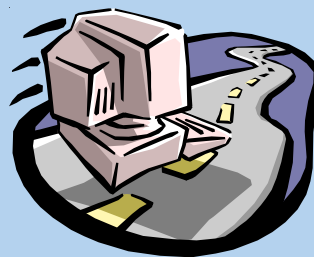
I've spent time with my new IT supervisor whom I had only met briefly at the CTC Conference in November. He's learning more about my background and strategizing ways for me to get overseas experience while doing public relations for the IT Personnel Department.

I've attended two hospitality dinners to welcome me to the Center where I've met other members and volunteers working here from all over the US.

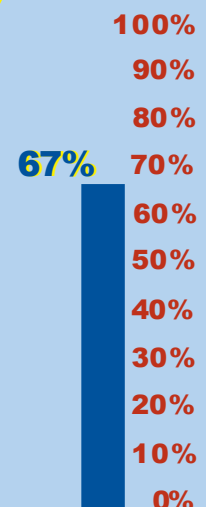
The temperatures have been much cooler than normal (down to 10) and snow has fallen at higher elevations. Those of us from colder states are being blamed for bringing the cold weather with us. Before training it had reached 70 every day for over two weeks.

Please pray that I will learn how to live and work in cross-cultural situations during my training time here. Thanks!

Partnership Update!



Nearing Completion with Your Help!



Tsunami Response

No Wycliffe missionaries were killed or injured in the Asian Tsunami, but there was some property damage. Friends who partner with me wrote of salvaging items, washing all their clothes (they have six kids!) and shoveling mud out of neighbors homes. Christians made an immediate impact by reaching out where other groups had not.

JAARS and Wycliffe are partnering with other agencies to assist tsunami survivors, from within our specific areas of expertise. Wycliffe Associates is preparing to assist in the rebuilding of translation facilities and housing as needed.

At JAARS, we have loaned some of our pilots and aviation maintenance crews to Samaritan's Purse to help in the disaster relief. We have prayed for the aviation crews now in the region working to serve the hardest hit areas.



My Spiritual Discipleship Group: L-R - Scotte & CJ Wenzel (CMA & JillyBean Puppets), Jason Niemeijer, Aviation (Netherlands but an MK from Colombia w/WBT, Erin, his Canadian wife not pictured) Hennie, Chicago, working with Armenians and Joseph Tang (VMS) Taiwan. **Multiple cultures experienced even before my Intercultural Communications Course!**

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JAARS helping to load a Helicopter into a Samaritans Purse Plane!



My Happenings!

I had three weeks around Christmas that I did not speak in a church, otherwise my fall was very busy sharing about Wycliffe throughout the Hudson Valley.

Unfortunately, Christmas Eve was not my day. The side of my tooth broke off and later I got sick with my illness (the worst bout in a year) but I did not have to go to the hospital. Thank you Lord!

My Open House kicked off New Year's Day and I had a good time fellowshiping with all who attended.

When I return to NY, I hope to have more church speaking opportunities arranged to share about Wycliffe and how God has called me to serve. So far, I only have 3 dates booked. Check out my web site to find out which ones! You must be registered to view my calendar and some other items for my security. You only are registering with me, not Wycliffe!

Praise & Prayer Requests!

Praise for answered prayer on whether to come to training and for safe travel to JAARS!

Praise for partners coming alongside prayerfully and financially!

Please pray for new monthly partners to join with me so that I may be able to return to JAARS as soon as possible to begin work.

Please pray for good health and that I would soak in all that I need to learn from these courses.