

# Lais of the Nile

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GOOD NEWS IN  
ANYONE'S LANGUAGE

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Dear Partners in the Gospel,

Happy Easter greetings to you from Uganda! By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by his rising again he has restored to us eternal life. Hallelujah! May the hope of our risen Lord fill you with joy in Easter!

## New Logo of Wycliffe Australia

While the resurrected Christ refreshes us with a new life, in Mar06 Wycliffe Australia has designed a new logo to remind us the good news for everyone. From the heading of our newsletter, you can see the design elements are:

- The handwritten word combining with the spoken or oral word.
- The freeform 'W', signifies the handwritten word.
- The freeform 'ear' wrapping around the 'W' represents the communication of the spoken word thus affirming 'So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.' (Romans 10:17 ESV)
- The ear lobe 'tick' is a positive element that suggests the positive response of listener.
- The word 'Wycliffe' for strong identification with our history of translation.

## Mission Sharing Trips in North America

After sharing at the Chinese Mission Mobilization Conference organized by Great Commission Center International after Christmas in the Bay Area, Wycliffe Canada lined up some mission sharing opportunities for us in January and February. Thanks be to God that there were 23 people in the US & Canada that dedicated themselves to missions. Please pray for the follow up work.

An added twist this time was that we were accompanied for part of the tour by a Chinese-Canadian couple, Joe & Grace Chan, recent recruits, whom God had called through our ministry in Ottawa in 2003. They still need to raise about 50% of their living & ministry expenses before they can go for the field assignment. If you are interested to partner with them, please contact them or Wycliffe Canada.

## The Drought & Rationing

Although Uganda has had some rain recently, the serious drought is still affecting livestock, crops, and water and electricity supplies. Due to the heavy electricity rationing (24 hours on/off), we have been twisting our lifestyle to catch the light! We must finish our work as much as we can during the day time. However, the hardest time to pass is from 7-9:30pm, which is dark but one is not too sleepy yet. We cannot do anything other than meditation & family worship! We bought an inverter and a battery as Dominica's birthday gift. This set up will let us have some electricity to do something for a few more hours.

## Children's Term Break

Nathaniel & Hannah are in Uganda now for their term break from 25 Mar- 25 Apr. Their school report cards show that they are still in the high range, i.e. 3.9 GPA (on 4 points system), even though Nathaniel has to catch up school work from a week of sickness. Of course, Daniel coaches them on Chinese lessons as usual followed by some sports practice. Nathaniel is less sporty than Hannah, but at school he is willing to try rugby, a kind of British/Aussie type of sport. Please pray for wisdom and patience in learning and teaching Chinese as their second language. Meanwhile, Dominica is trying her best to feed them with some Chinese food which they don't have at school. Please pray for their preparation of their piano examination in Kenya this May06. May God use their gifts in music to serve him in the future.

## Bible Exposition Conference & Academic Award

Together with about 150 pastors, we had a wonderful time of spiritual refreshment at the Bible Exposition Conference from 27-31 March jointly organized by Kampala Evangelistic School of Theology and the Langham Preaching Program which was founded by John Stott of the UK. Our children did the audio-typing for the sermons. Their pieces came out making a lot of sense! This proves their Christian maturity. Before the conference, Daniel

received the academic record from the Australian College of Theology informing him that his final essay has passed and he has completed a Master of Arts degree in Ministry. PTL!

## Discovery Trips & CCOWE

A Chinese couple, WaiHo & Fiona Wu, who come from Vancouver will do some children ministry, workshops and computer projects in Kenya & Uganda in April06. The Fort Bend Chinese Community Church of Texas will also be sending two teams to visit the Bible translation projects and Mandarin ministry in Kenya in June. We shall be their leaders and meet them in Kenya. Please pray for successful journeys and good understanding of culture and missions. After their visit, Daniel will attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Chinese Congress on World Evangelisation in Macau from 17-21 July. We'll have a big celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Protestant missionary, Robert Morrison, coming to China. See you there if you are attending too!

## Zinza Bible Asked for Prayer

May we invite you to pray for the Bible translation for the Zinza people in Tanzania. The lack of Scripture in the mother tongue has contributed to a failure to distinguish between Christian and traditional beliefs/practices in some places. In addition, some view the use of Kiswahili as foreign, making them feel that Christianity is something foreign and not for them. If the mission committee of your church would like to pray for this project, we can forward some more information to you.



A pastor holding up a Kiswahili Bible in a Zinza church.

**Praise and Prayer Summary:**

- Give thanks for the 23 Christians dedicated to missions. Please pray for the follow up work.
- Give thanks for Daniel's completion of MA(Min). Please pray for our children's study, sports development and piano examination.
- Thanks be to God for the refreshing time at the Bible Exposition Conference. Please pray for our spiritual growth.
- PTL for another Chinese Wycliffe couple from Canada. Please pray for their partnership development and several Discovery Trips from North America in April & June.
- Give thanks for the starting of Zinza Bible Translation Project. Please pray for more prayer partners.
- Give thanks for Dominica's 84-year-old father are settling in nursing home since January. Please pray for the health of Dominica's diabetic mother, she may need kidney dialyze soon.

He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

*Daniel and Dominica Lai*  
*Nathaniel and Hannah*

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Visiting CanIL, a Wycliffe's Partner Organization, with Daryn Ma, Natalie Chan & Grace Cheung. (24 Jan 06)



Daniel was the Speaker at the Mission Conference of Edmonton Chinese Christian Church, Canada. (5Feb 06)



Nathaniel & Hannah are doing audio-typing for the sermon at the Bible Exposition Conference at Jinja Nile Resort. (27 Mar 06)

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*Vision 2025:*

*We embrace the vision that by the year 2025 a Bible translation project will be in progress for every people group that needs it.*