

The Kvale Connection



Connecting the Church to Bible-less people groups and Bible-less people groups to the Church.

.....to serve Him at all costs

The testimony of Jason Smith recently encouraged us to press on to serve the Lord full-time in IT (information technology) and to be devoted to prayer in this process. Jason, (his real name respectfully concealed) a gifted computer expert, has shown remarkable skills which are much needed to support Bible translators around the world. You can imagine how excited Wycliffe was in his interest to join the effort! Jason's attitude displayed willingness to overcome extreme circumstance to follow the Lord's call upon him. Jason began serving as a missionary with Wycliffe in 2006. Noticing that there was a need for a multi-skilled computer specialist like him in Chad, West Africa, he asked, "Could I go to Chad and serve the Bible translators in that far off country?" Response came from an administrator in Chad saying, "I am most reluctant to ever turn down an offer of help from a man as qualified and committed as this man. Chad is in desperate need for such a computer expert, but it would be irresponsible of me to encourage Jason's thinking towards Chad. N'Djamena is a city that is insecure and extremely challenging. The Wycliffe Center has sand EVERYWHERE and there are no adequate facilities for someone like him. The administrative block is so cramped due to too many people working in close quarters and the building is two stories with no elevator. Due to high temperatures 35+C you sweat perpetually so physically being unable to move would cause one's skin to breakdown rapidly. Medical back up care is negligible and yet exposure to disease is high. I simply cannot identify any place in Africa where the environment and facilities would be adequate for this man to carry out an assignment effectively." You see, Jason had a diving accident when he was young and, as a result, is a quadriplegic; he has no use of his feet or legs, very limited use of his hands. He uses a wheelchair to get around and has helpers to deal with his basic needs almost 24/7. Yet he sees a need in Chad, West Africa and is willing to go, in spite of his disability!

As a family we continue to consider God's call; our willingness to serve Him at all costs and trust Him wherever He may lead. We are eager for the day we too can contribute to Bible translation efforts through IT. The IT team in Orlando, Florida prayerfully waits for us to join them as they see the potential that we have yet to comprehend. The needs are great for IT missionaries stateside and abroad with the beauty of networking together to spread God's Word! Many of you who receive this newsletter have answered His call in ways that only He knows. There are ways you minister from your own home. You have been faithful in serving in your church; you have prayed faithfully for us in our work; you have given generously and faithfully toward our ministry with Wycliffe. We just want you to know that we deeply appreciate all that you do as you serve Him at all costs.

"Only fear the LORD and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you." 1 Samuel 12:24

Scenes from near N'Djamena, Chad



Hand in Hand we Serve Together!

It is so exciting to see how the Holy Spirit is bringing together our partnership team in His timing! As we continue to share about Wycliffe and our response to God's call as a family, God has faithfully increased our partnership team since our last newsletter! We are now at 30%! So far, this is made up of 30 individuals or families and 5 churches. This is so encouraging to see this commitment as regular financial partners take the step of faith that God will provide means for them to give as we take the step of faith to go. However, this ministry must have a foundation of committed prayer partners. If God is leading you to prayerfully or financially support our ministry to serve Bible translation through Information Technology, please use the addresses below.



Praises!

- For the many people the Lord uses to encourage us to press on, especially children telling us they pray for us daily. Oh, that we'd become as little children! :)
- Our computer problems we have been having since November seem to have been healed!
- Our health has been good, travels safe, and stress level manageable. Please keep praying for this.
- We are in awe at how Steve's employer has worked with us in this endeavor as they don't want him to go.
- Increased support! Will it double by our next letter?

Please Pray...

- For wisdom as we plan our schedule and travels for the coming months allowing the Lord to work out these specific details.
- For seeds planted of awareness and opportunity as we share about missions and as the Wycliffe Dinner Theatre comes to the Midwest this Spring. And of course for new believers as they get curious about what all the excitement is about translating the Word!
- For Scriptures nearing completion as spiritual attack heightens especially during the last three years of a translation project. Ask for more details, if you like.

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