

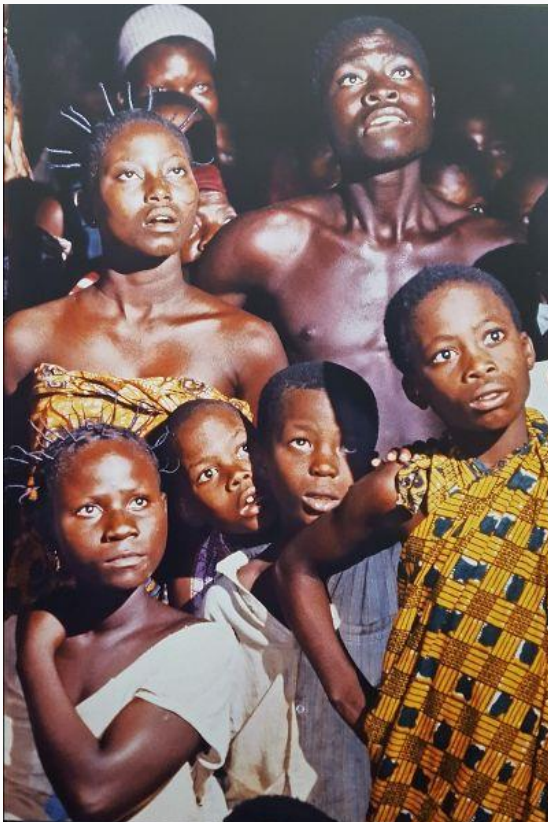
Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

Reading the Story of Jesus's Birth

Every year, we read the Scriptures that tell of Jesus's birth. Jim also reads us the Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. We gathered around again this year. Most of us could predict the next line, marveling at Dicken's ability to form vivid word pictures in our minds.

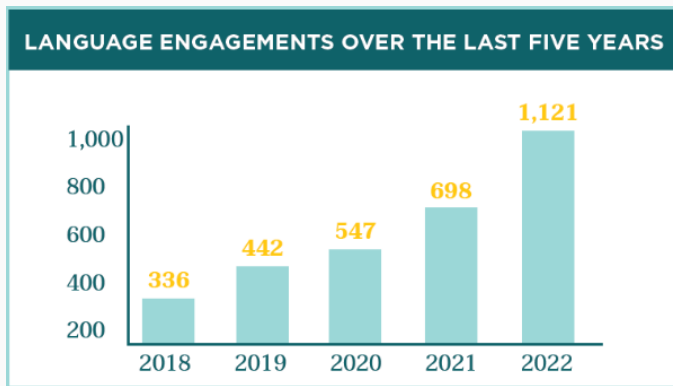


This year, SO MANY MORE people rejoiced to hear an even more important reading. For the very first time, and in their own language, they received the account of Jesus coming into our world. They learned about the hope and salvation He offers! I love how this picture from our colleagues at *The JESUS Film* captures the awe of understanding. Jesus came to give His life so that we might have eternal life!



Bible Translation's Acceleration

You've probably heard that Bible translation is accelerating at a dizzying pace. These simple graphics compare the language starts over the past five years and the population figures those reflect. It surely makes me SMILE! Are we almost there?



FAQ: Are you ever going to retire?

We are regularly asked if we'll ever retire -- *yes, on April 30, 2023!*

Several factors went into this decision.

1. Working for Wycliffe 40 hours a week has been a true joy. We love Wycliffe, but point #2 requires that we make some changes.
2. As Liz's health continues to deteriorate, she needs more help with basic activities of daily living. We're convinced God has asked us to be their support team so that Nick can continue working and the boys' needs are met in this multigenerational home.
3. Finally, in June of 2023, I can return as a member volunteer and we can receive any gifts that come in through Wycliffe as pension income.

Therefore, after prayer, consulting with advisors, and tons of learning and paperwork, we plan to officially retire at the end of April 2023 when I (Dorothea) turn 70.



The IRS requires us to officially step away from work with Wycliffe for 2 full months. Then I can return as a volunteer member, working up to 20 hours a week. That should balance our two main roles.

After April 2023, we can still receive gifts through Wycliffe as *pension income* to supplement Social Security. Wycliffe will send a letter to you, our financial partners, explaining the policy.

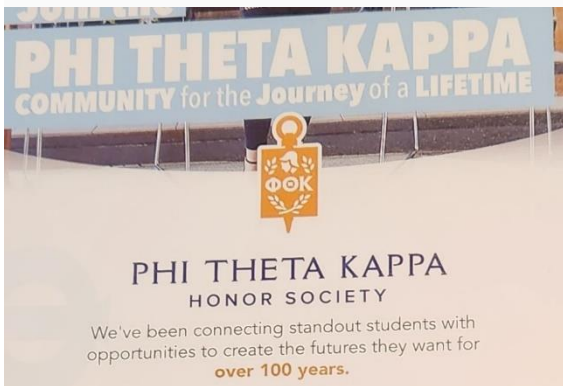
You all have been SO FAITHFUL as our prayer and financial partners -- THANK YOU! We realize that God may lead some of you to support other missionaries beginning in

May 2023. Along with you, we're thrilled to see many young people stepping up. But we will be extremely thankful for any of you who feel that God wants you to continue with us into our pension volunteer status with Wycliffe.

If this leaves you with any questions, please give us a call. We're glad to answer any questions you have.

FAMILY NEWS

Scholars Among Us



Our grandson, Ace, was accepted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society based on his excellent grades. At 16 years old, he is working hard and excelling in university classes. He's heading toward computer engineering at this point. Congratulations, Ace!

Time with the Littlest Ones

Between colds, flu, and everything else, I've enjoyed bits of time with our smallest grandchildren. Hot cocoa on a winter day warmed them up after being outside, and then of course PAINTING. Emeline, Asher, and Kilian enjoy each other's company so much!



Praise and Prayer Requests

- Praise the Lord that He is moving toward finishing the task of a Bible translation in every language -- very quickly, too!
- Praise the Lord that you, our financial partners, have kept us at 100% of the Ministry Budget set by Wycliffe. You have been steadfastly faithful.
- Praise the Lord for calling young missionaries.
- Praise the Lord for the option of continuing as a Wycliffe member volunteer!
- Please pray for Liz and Nick as parents and for Liz's health.

- Please ask God to give Will the job that is best suited for their family.
- Please continue praying for Evangel, Scott, Emeline, and Killian.
- Please pray for our granddaughter Alyssa and her husband Josue. Both are school teachers and both have been very sick this last year.
- Please pray that Jim and I listen carefully and follow the Lord's leading with all of the changes coming in 2023.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim & Dorothea". The script is cursive and fluid.

From the desert in Northern Kenya to the Pacific NW, Jim and Dorothea have served in Bible Translation for over 35 years. To partner with them through giving, you may send funds to Wycliffe Bible Translators, PO Box 628299, Orlando, FL 32862-8200, with a *separate note saying that you prefer it be applied to the Wycliffe ministry of Jim and Dorothea Lander (221845)*. You can also give online at <https://www.wycliffe.org/partner/CACE59> or call toll free (800) 992-5433 and speak with Donor Relations. They can help you set up recurring gifts, an electronic funds transfer or another option. (Jim & Dorothea 16573 SE Widgeon Ln, Damascus Oregon 97089)