

Wycliffe Associates

EVERY VERSE. EVERY TONGUE. EVERY TASK.

2008 Annual Report



“When will Jesus speak my language?”

A Message from the President/CEO



Bruce Smith
President/CEO

Dear Friend,

In February 2009, a group of Wycliffe Associates volunteers traveled to a town in North Africa I can't even name for you due to security reasons. There, they undertook a rural homebuilding project. Why? Because there are no known believers in that area, and an outreach like this could lay the groundwork for future Bible translation work—and the salvation of thousands, even millions, of people.

People at home give. Volunteers go. Doors and hearts open, and the Word of God gains a foothold in a new area. **That's the Great Commission in action, and you're a part of it every time you give, volunteer, pray, or tell a friend about Wycliffe Associates.**

The following annual report contains just a few highlights from a year full of exciting change and growth. These glimpses represent all the projects started or finished, each new verse put into someone's heart language for the first time, every person whose life was changed forever because friends like you take the Great Commission seriously. I hope you feel as encouraged by them as I do!

When Vision 2025 was first proposed—the plan to have a Bible translation started in every language that needs it by the year 2025—it sounded like plenty of time. But suddenly we are in 2009, **with over 2,300 languages still to start.**

No wonder we hold our volunteers so dear, and are constantly seeking more! In the next year, God has placed on our heart to put 5,000 or more volunteers in the field to keep Vision 2025 on pace. Volunteers like that team who went to North Africa create the infrastructure upon which Bible translation is built . . . the buildings, schools, computer systems, and more that let translators focus all their attention on bringing God's Word into a form that will open more hearts.

You can use almost any skill God has gifted you with to advance the cause of Bible translation! Or, if you're unable to volunteer, you can still play a vital role through financial support and prayer support.

The years are flying by and millions of people are still waiting for Jesus to speak in the language of their heart. **Please prayerfully consider how God could use you to answer their deep need for Him in the coming year!**

Until the task is done,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

2008 Ministry Highlights

Your generous support and prayers make a difference the world over!



Taking volunteer mobilization to new heights America

Phase II of the new Volunteer Mobilization Center (VMC) is underway in Orlando! With many Bible translators retiring in the near future, every hour of volunteer time that lets a translator concentrate on their primary task becomes even more vital. By allowing us to train, organize, and serve our volunteers better, the VMC paves the way to the critical number of 5,000 volunteers a year by 2010. Please continue to pray for the speedy completion of this important new space.



In harm's way for God Africa

As you know, many of the language groups who still need the Bible in their heart language live in troubled areas of the world—so translators and their families sometimes face risky situations in the work to which God has called them. That was the case in Chad when rebel troops attacked the capital and forced thousands of people to flee. Thanks to friends like you who contribute to our Missionary 911 Fund, we were able to help evacuate more than 30 translators, support staff, volunteers, and family members safely to Cameroon.



“Clusters” maximize translation efforts Papua New Guinea

Many languages are different enough to need their own Bible translation to fully speak to a reader's heart, but they're similar enough to be translated in “clusters,” each version leveraging the others. Realizing this, Wycliffe Associates helped build the New Ireland Translation Institute (NITI) in Papua New Guinea so that nationals could be trained and advised by Western staff in the task of Bible translation. NITI itself is complete, due to your generous support, but a critical housing project is also underway so that 24 more national translators and consultants can be brought in to work on the 15 languages in this “cluster.”



Speeding translation for people hungry to read the Word Asia

“Let’s go to the library, because we can read books that are Christian!” Villagers in a group of tiny, scattered islands called the Mecados* once had almost no access to Christian literature . . . and very little hope of ever getting a Bible in their language. But committed ministry partners like you have helped complete three Bible translation training centers and a library in this area once ravaged by religious conflict. Now, motivated nationals have the space and support they need to accelerate their translation work in dozens of local languages.

*We are using a pseudonym for security reasons.



Reaching out with Christ’s healing hands Papua New Guinea

Could you tell a patient who had walked three hours to your clinic, “Sorry, we just don’t have room”? Of course not! Wycliffe Associates volunteers helped build a new national outpatient wing to the medical clinic at the Bible Translation Center in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea (PNG). As many as 150 patients come to the clinic each day, and the old facility was not only too small, but deteriorating to the point of being unsafe. Now, in addition to keeping translators and staff healthy, even more nationals can feel the healing touch of the Great Physician.



“Homes away from home.” United Kingdom

A team of Wycliffe Associates volunteers went above and beyond the call of duty to complete 29 urgently needed new guestrooms at the Horsleys Green Bible Translation Center in the UK. You see, they knew in years to come these rooms would be “home away from home” for hundreds of translators in training from around the world. That made the rooms’ completion worth any sacrifice—even extending their stay to get the work done! We’re deeply grateful to these volunteers, and all who worked so hard in 2008 to advance the cause of Bible translation.

Projects Wycliffe Associates partners helped fund in 2008

- Bamenda Translation Training Center
- India Translation Training Center
- Malaria Prevention Project
- Mbeya Language Cluster Translation Project
- Juba Translation and Literacy Center
- New Ireland Language Cluster Translation Project
- Operation Clean Water
- Peru Literacy and Linguistics Training Centers
- PNG Airstrip Repair Project
- PNG Air Service Project
- PNG KODIAK Aircraft
- Solomon Islands Training Center
- West Timor Translation Center

2008 Annual Report

Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2008

Supplemental Schedule of Revenue and Expense

Where Our Support Comes From

| | All Contributed Services | Only SFAS 116 Defined |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Contributions | \$ 12,497,261 | \$ 12,497,261 |
| Contributed services that meet SFAS No. 116 criteria | 1,254,385 | 1,254,385 |
| Contributed services that don't meet SFAS No. 116 criteria | 3,987,971 | — |
| Interest and other revenue | 45,875 | 45,875 |
| Total Contributions and Other Revenue | \$ 17,785,492 | \$ 13,797,521 |

Where Your Support Goes

| | All Contributed Services | Only SFAS 116 Defined |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bible translation ministry programs | \$ 11,992,503 | \$ 8,331,546 |
| Supporting services: | | |
| Fundraising—contributions | 2,773,198 | 2,749,270 |
| Fundraising—recruiting volunteers and contributed services | 828,209 | 632,798 |
| Management and general | 1,580,622 | 1,472,947 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 17,174,532 | \$ 13,186,561 |

Note: Wycliffe Associates recruits volunteer labor/professional services for construction and other ministries worldwide. Contributed services are recognized as contributions in accordance with SFAS Number 116, "Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made," if the services (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by our ministry.

In addition to these contributed services, many other individuals routinely provide voluntary services to the ministries of Wycliffe Associates. These services have a significant impact on making the ministry effective. However, these services do not meet the SFAS Number 116 criteria described above. The above schedule shows revenues and expenses with these services included.

The costs associated with recruiting volunteers are reported as a "Fundraising—recruiting volunteers and contributed services" expense.





Our Financial Position

Summary Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

| | <u>Fiscal Year 2008</u> |
|---|-------------------------|
| Assets: | |
| Current Assets | \$ 2,770,493 |
| Fixed Assets | 595,698 |
| Other Assets | 6,989,352 |
| Total Assets | \$ 10,355,543 |
| Liabilities and Non-Current Liabilities: | |
| Current Liabilities | \$ 692,100 |
| Other Liabilities | 6,797,663 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 7,489,763 |
| Net Assets: | |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | \$ 1,040,939 |
| Temporarily Restricted Net Assets | 1,824,841 |
| Total Net Assets | \$ 2,865,780 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$ 10,355,543 |

Where You Help Us Serve

In 2008, Wycliffe Associates sent over 4,124 volunteers to 49 different countries and they worked 291,409 hours in support of Bible translation.

Wycliffe Associates construction and KidZone volunteer teams have ministered in Mexico, Sudan, PNG, Australia, Kenya, Thailand, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, UK, Cameroon, Hungary, Romania, West Timor, Peru, and France. In the coming year, our partners have invited us to be involved in new projects in Peru, Cameroon, Mexico, Solomon Islands, Kenya, US, Sudan, Chad, Nigeria, South Asia, PNG, and Vanuatu.

Our Board of Trustees for 2008

William T. Baker
Architectural Designer

Bob Britting
President, Automotive Software Systems, Inc.

Bob Creson
President, Wycliffe USA

Chip Hull—*Treasurer*
Chief Financial Officer, Jacob Sterns & Sons, Inc.

Paul King—*Chairman*
Retired Educator

Eldon Layman
Insurance Agent

David J. LeFevre
Retired Business Owner

Connie Meeder
Accountant

Marilyn Miller
Development Officer

Laef Olson—*Vice Chairman*
Chief Information Officer, RightNow Technology

Paul Ries, Ph.D.
Senior Business Development Manager, The Dow Chemical Company

Jacob W. Scheeres, M.D.
Retired Physician

O'Ann Steere—*Secretary*
Psychologist

Robert Vande Vrede
Semi-retired Business Consultant
Chairman/President of Public and Private Companies

Wycliffe Associates
EVERY VERSE. EVERY TONGUE. EVERY TASK.

202 S. Prospect Street
P.O. Box 2000 • Orange, CA 92859
1-800-THE WORD • (1-800-843-9673)
www.wycliffeassociates.org • info@wycliffeassociates.org



*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*