



*A Report from Larry and Patty Wilson - April 2009*

*Declare His Glory  
Among the Nations.*

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*"Let him who serves serve by the strength that God supplies - in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 4:11*



## Update on Cameroon Trip...

We are working through the details for a trip to Cameroon. Lord willing, this summer I will be assisting some language teams with media needs as well as providing some training. Pray for good communications during the planning process and for the resources to make the trip possible.

Earlier we were considering having Patty and our son Aaron accompany me. After reviewing costs and thinking through the importance of being available for Landon as he transitions from high school to college, we felt it best that I make this trip myself. Some of the details in this are somewhat fluid – plans may change pending God's provision and Landon's plans for the fall. Hang loose with us and pray for the Lord's purposes to be fulfilled regarding this trip.



## Introducing Sherry Thomas A Vernacular Media Specialist Trainee

During the past 10 years I have served as a missionary in West Africa. For eight of those years I was a teacher with Carver International Missions in Liberia and Ghana. Due to a civil war in Liberia - we were evacuated to Ghana in April of 2003. Once in Ghana the Lord closed the door to teaching so we partnered with Pioneers Africa Mission to focus on church planting and discipleship training among non-Christian people groups. I joined Great Commission Global Ministries and served in Ghana and Mali.

In January of 2008, I was invited to visit some Wycliffe workers in Mali. I had a burden for the Soninke people and that is where they were. While visiting with them, they told me of a need for a Vernacular Media Specialist and a Scripture Use Promoter among the Soninke. In March of 2008 I joined Wycliffe.

After serving in West Africa among unreached people groups, I realize the importance of using vernacular media among oral societies. I am excited about taking the skills learned at JAARS back to Mali, especially to train nationals to use vernacular media in their communities – being creative and utilizing different modes to promote the use of Scriptures.

After the VMS training, I plan to take classes for Scripture Use workers in Grand Forks, ND. Then, in August, I plan to go France for additional French language learning prior to returning to Francophone West Africa. I would be thankful for your prayers as I go through each of these training stages in preparation for further ministry.

*Sherry*



## Prayer & Praise

*We are grateful for your partnership both in finances and prayer - there is no way we could be involved in the process of bringing God's word to people alone. We value your faithfulness in coming along side us in this effort!*

*In Christ,*

*Larry and Patty*

## It's a blessing just being here!

As I sat in the crowd at one of our center meetings in February, I enjoyed a presentation of new Wycliffe members who had just completed a 5-week training course on living cross-culturally. I was thrilled to hear that some of them were going to Cameroon. I thought, "hmm, we should have them over before they leave. It would be fun to get to know them and share a bit about our experiences in Cameroon." - But after leaving the stage, the whole group left before the end of the meeting to get back to their classes. "Oh shoot!" I thought to myself, believing the opportunity to be lost.



**The Anderson Family**

But the desire must have come from the Lord! On my way home for lunch that day, I saw one of the couples taking pictures in front of the JAARS center. I pulled over, introduced myself, and enjoyed being filled in on their plans. "So, when do you hope to be able to go to Cameroon?" I asked. "Well, we have to go to language school in France first." "Oh, we had to do that too," I responded. "Where did you go?" they asked me. I said, "Massy" (a language school for missionaries on the southern edge of Paris). "That's where we're going to go!" they exclaimed. "Oh! Now I know we have to get together!" I said with excitement. So we had them over

the very next evening and had a lovely time getting to know one another and being a mutual encouragement. We had much in common and look forward to encouraging them in the months and years to come!

We are so glad to be here to train some for ministry and to be an encouragement to others who are on their way to assignments on foreign fields. Thank you for making this possible!!

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| Churches/Orgs | 6   | 6   |
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**Towards a full circle of partnership...**

November



April



The Lord has blessed us with increased support from existing partners as well as two additional partnerships. The trend is still good - keep lifting this up in prayer!

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