

November 1, 2012

Dear Partner

**A**s we approach the end of the year, we give thanks to God for His grace and mercy towards us. We deeply appreciate your prayers, your words of encouragement and the various avenues of support that you have so graciously provided.

Despite the challenges facing the Organization during the year our fervour has not diminished, in fact, we are further spurred on to see Bible translations done in thousands of languages still without one word of Scripture.

The latest Bible Translation statistics show the following:-

**471 languages** – have complete Bible  
**2,225 languages** - with some of the Scriptures (NT) or portions translated  
**2,040 languages** – still without even one verse of the Holy Bible  
**350,000,000** people speaking those **2,040** languages needing translation

We need all the prayer support, personnel resources, physical resources, and financial resources to get the work done. But, the work does not end when the translation is completed. In many cases, the real work has just begun.

In the western world, especially those of us from the Caribbean, take it for granted that there are several churches in every community in most developed and developing countries. Not so on the other side of the world! Church as we know it is non-existent in many of the 65 countries in the 10/40 Window, i.e. the area where the least evangelized countries of the world are located.

This area spans much of the Northern half of the African continent, Asia, India, the Middle East and Eastern Europe (Eurasia). **It is our daily prayer that the 500,000 missionaries that are needed across the world, not only in Wycliffe Bible Translators,**

will be realized. Will you play your part? We need all skills and a huge investment is needed to be made by God’s people to see this happen. As people of faith, let us act now! Truly the harvest is great and the labourers are few! Matthew 9: 35 – 38.

## HIGHLIGHTS ON SOME OF OUR MISSIONARIES

**Curtis & Jennifer Campbell** are on the final lap of



their preparation to serve in India in 2013. They are 40% away from completing their Partnership Development and are in need of your support. Please contact us if you are interested in being a partner.

**Kris-Ann Bennett**- Currently serving in Thailand. A

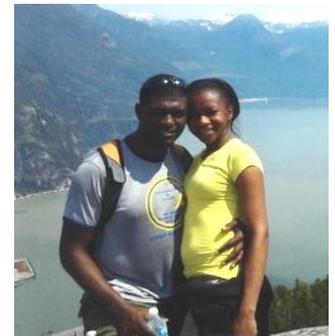


year ago, Kris-Ann was pondering if getting to the other side of the world in missions was really going to happen for her. Now that she’s there, she’s saying “So much to do! We

can do it! God planned it!” God truly has and more!

**Orane & Dana Barrett**

They are completing studies in the Canada Institute of Linguistics (CanIL) preparing for their overseas assignments. They are registered for the Spring 2013 semester. Orane already received a scholarship and campus employment to help with fees. Dana is also confirmed as a Teaching Assistant at CanIL and she is hoping and praying for even a partial scholarship towards her tuition. We join them in praying for all their needs.



**Nivam Borthes\*** who has been serving in Africa in the area of literacy for many years, tells us about the exciting celebrations for two of the nation’s latest Bible translations. The new testaments were brought in on the heads and shoulders of people as everyone shouted, clapped, danced and cheered. Finally, the Word of God in their very own language!



**Celicia Elliot**, from Trinidad and Tobago, is a first year student at CanIL in Canada, also preparing for fulltime field service.

**Dr. George Callender Barbados Wycliffe TEAM Leader** serving in local mobilization in the island as a fulltime missionary.



**Opening of the Barbados Office Building**

The Barbados Wycliffe TEAM dedicated their new office in May, in anticipation of greater and more effective mobilization work in that nation.



**Walk for Missions in SVG**

On the morning of August 1, 2012! Believers worshipping, walking, praying and learning about Missions.

A great move by the St. Vincent & the Grenadines Wycliffe TEAM!



**Monique Lofters** Currently serving in Thailand but will be home in time for Christmas. She is an ethno-artist and since March this year, had used her gift to create illustrations for literacy

and Bible translation.

**Bertram Gayle**

We congratulate Bertram on a job well done. Bertram was seconded to work with the Bible Society of the West Indies as coordinator of the **Jamaican New Testament** translation project.

**Dionne Smith** Serving as Wycliffe Youth Network (WYnet) Coordinator in St. Vincent & the Grenadines



Dionne says, *“When all is said and done, it’s a good thing to serve the Lord and a sweet feeling to be at peace, when life projects turmoil and frustration... Being in His will makes all the difference!”*

**Jack and Jill\*** Serving in Asia as consultants in the areas of Literacy and Multi-lingual Education. They are having a tremendous impact on the Caribbean with plans for expanding our language development services as well as the commencement of Masters-level training in the region.

**Language Development Division (LDD)**

Serving the Caribbean in language development, the LDD under the leadership of **June Simmonds**, over the last 10 months, focused extensively on raising the awareness of and promoting the use of the Jamaican New Testament translation through a **Bi-literacy and Bible Reading Project**.

The strategy was to establish small reading groups across the entire island. Meetings were held with pastors in 13 parishes from 141 churches representing 41 denominations. A total of 53 group leaders were trained and 23 Bible Reading Groups were launched in nine of the fourteen parishes. So far 19 groups have completed the project.

It has been a joy to see the groups in progress, as they read, listened and enjoyed a clearer understanding of God’s Word. A language that they had earlier thought was hard to read is now readable to them – and they are writing it as well!

**Jamaican New Testament Launch**

The dedication service of the Jamaican New Testament, the first in a series of events, will take place on December 9, 2012 at the Bethel Baptist Church in Kingston at 6:00 p.m.



\*names changed for security reasons

# PIPELINERS

So who are pipeliners? **Jill Patterson** is one such



person, who has acknowledged the fact that God has called her to full-time missionary service. Presently, she is completing studies in the United Kingdom.

There are **74** Caribbean Christians on the active list from a wide cross-section of churches, from **6** Caribbean nations, who are at varying stages of completing their membership application. Many are already engaged in on-going training as well as working on their partnership development, etc.

The greatest need that they have is securing their monthly missionary funding. Without adequate financial support they cannot take up a fulltime assignment. Each missionary is not only faced with personal expenses but also with ministry expenses and therefore, needs your faithful financial support to be successful in his/her work. You are invited to begin supporting a missionary, if you are not already doing so. (2 Corinthians 8: 1 – 14 and 9: 6 – 11)

# WYNET CAMP



Wycliffe Youth Network (WYnet) camp almost didn't happen but we listened to God, persevered, and it proved to be a life changing and a wonderfully motivating time for both campers and facilitators alike.



**Raymond Lindsay, WYnet GET Global Coordinator**, did much of the hard work necessary in ensuring that the WYnet Camp became a reality. We are so thankful for his enduring commitment. The responses of the participants were strong and reassured us of the effectiveness of the camp. One by one, they demonstrated how deeply impacted they were and are likely to serve in the field after tertiary training.

# MILESTONES FOR SOME OF US IN 2012!

- **Marriages** - **Raymond Lindsay** married Sharoina Clarke in March and **Curtis Campbell** married Jennifer Perez in June. Congratulations due!
- **Babies also arrived** on the scene – **Aleeca King** and her husband **Mario** welcomed a son into their family. **Kenyatta & Divia Lewis** had their first child, **Nkechi-Rae**. **Renae White-Jones** and her husband **David** welcomed their first bundle of joy, a daughter into their family. Well done!

## Information & Communication Technology (ICT)

Most of our daily assignments are done via the Internet and local area networking. We had serious problems with our systems for quite some time until **Jenelle Newman** showed up. We thank God for her as she came to our rescue during September and October. What a difference she made! Working tirelessly, she literally saved us from a major I.T. systems disaster. It is so great to know that Jenelle, who hails from Jamaica, is committed to working with Wycliffe globally in this area. More soon...

# CHURCH SUPPORT IN 2012

We salute the following churches for their financial support to the organization during 2012:-

**Associated Gospel Assemblies, Bethesda Gospel Chapel, Bethany Fellowship, Christian Life Fellowship, Church of the Open Bible – Washington Boulevard, First Missionary Church, Good Tidings Mennonite Church, Grace Missionary Church, Hilltop Tabernacle, Jamaica Evangelistic Mission, Topaz Christian Fellowship, Elmslie United Church - Grand Cayman, World Harvest Fellowship – Trinidad & Tobago, Bethel World Outreach Ministries – Trinidad & Tobago.**

How about you or someone you know helping us to fill the following positions in Wycliffe Caribbean?

**Accounting Clerk,  
Administrative Assistant.  
Asst. Directors: HR, Church  
Engagement, Communication,  
Training Institute.  
WYnet Coordinator,  
Operations Director.**

# SOME WYCLIFFE GLOBAL ALLIANCE QUOTABLE QUOTES OF 2012

## An Ongoing Journey

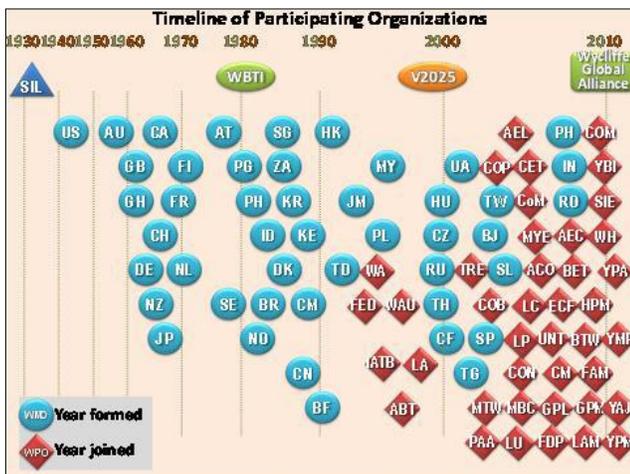
In February of 2011, Wycliffe International became Wycliffe Global Alliance. The change seemed subtle to some onlookers, sudden to others; in reality it was one more step of an ongoing journey. Though much has changed along the way, the direction of our journey is still the same.

Kirk Franklin, Wycliffe Global Alliance Executive Director, puts it this way: “We have a new name that reflects a transition that has been taking place over the past 20 years, particularly as we have seen the growth of these Bible translation movements. We continue in our commitment of serving with the people groups still without the Scriptures in the language(s) that best communicate to them. And we want to serve in the context of what we see God doing around the world.”

Wycliffe was, and continues to be, held together by common vision and goals, serving together as a part of God’s Church. But we recognized that the structures, policies, ways of working and thinking that had grown up around the vision, were not necessarily in sync with who we now were or wanted to become. As we saw the growth, not only of Wycliffe organizations, but of partner organizations all across the globe, we knew we needed to find new ways of thinking and serving together.

(Excerpt of editorial by Susan Van Wynen, Ass. Dir. Strategy & Communication, in Wycliffe Global Alliance Update, July 2011)

This diagram from the February 2012 issue of the Wycliffe Global Alliance Update shows the transformation in the organization since the 1930s; Wycliffe organizations (WMO in blue) joined by Wycliffe partner organizations (WPO in maroon):



## Missio dei, missional revelation, missional church – Theo-centric Understanding of the Bible and the Church

Min-Young Jung, Wycliffe Global Alliance  
*Summary of a presentation given by Min-Young Jung at the Asia Pacific Area Missional Reading of Scripture Practice. (Bangkok, Thailand. October, 2011)*

Transformation begins with us. We are commissioned by God for His mission and as we are serving Him, He is transforming us. Jesus is inviting us to follow Him, rather than rushing ahead of Him, so that He could shape and transform us to become fishers of men. As Bishop David Zac Niringiye of Uganda rightly pointed out, our missionary endeavor should shift from the current ‘go-paradigm’ to a ‘follow-paradigm.’

Too often we get caught up in doing many things. We get busy with the work we are doing and in the process we lose our essence - our relationship with God. More than anything else God wants us to be in right relationship with Him.

(Excerpt, Wycliffe Global Alliance Update, February 2012)

*A Blessed and Holy Christmas to you and your family, and a Prosperous and Wonderful New Year when it comes.*

*John Roomes*

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