

# MICHEALS' MEMOIRS

June 2005



## Orlando Update

### National Mobilization Meetings May 2005

Chuck led his first national mobilization meetings with his new leadership team at our Wycliffe North Central office in West Chicago, IL May 3 - 6, 2005. These meetings were held to discuss methods we will need to use to reach Wycliffe's USA Mobilization goal of raising up 7000 new members to join us in this work by the year 2014 (7K x 14).

*“Declare His Glory among the nations,  
His marvelous deeds among all peoples.”  
Ps 96:3*

At these meetings we discussed the pilot project Chuck had been leading for the Wycliffe North Central region which was created to help find a way to increase the number of people joining Wycliffe from that region. The goals were to increase by 75% in one year the number of people joining Wycliffe along with these people joining in a 30% shorter time period.

It appears that initially this pilot project is achieving its goals! A full report will be issued in mid September along with recommendations whether this way of working should be the way the rest of our mobilization work around the country is done.

In our meetings we also discussed ways to better integrate our recruitment work with our church mobilization efforts. In order to achieve our goal in Mobilization to raise up 7000 new workers in the next 10 years (2014), we know



that they will come from churches. Therefore, our challenge is to find ways to work with churches so that we are ready to facilitate those people God is sending from the Church to meet the needs of Bible translation.

There are currently over 2700 open positions in Wycliffe worldwide and we only have around 250 people from the U.S.A. join as members each year. That means that to meet just the current needs it will take over 10 years. This doesn't include the needs we have to replace those retiring, moving to other positions or future needs.

What happens when these positions are not filled? If they are mission critical positions often times translators are called out of their projects to fill the need. In other cases, the work does not advance.

## THE CRITICAL SITUATION

Over 50% of our Wycliffe USA membership is over the age of 55 and of this number almost 30% are very near retirement age. Since most of our membership growth occurred in the 1960s, 70s and 80s we are at a mission critical stage. Although Wycliffe USA still has over 3900 members working on over 1500 Bible translation projects, there are still 2644 languages waiting for Bible translation projects to start! The thought of over 1500 of our members retiring in 10 years without new replacements coming in and the need to start these new projects has led our leadership to call for a new wave of committed missionaries to join the task of Bible translation.

## OUR PART?

Our part is prayer! To reach this call of involvement to see 7000 new people join the Bible translation task by 2014, we invite you to join us on Tuesday, August 2, 2005 for Wycliffe USA's first mobilization day of prayer.

If you would like to join us in prayer, please send us an email or give us a call and we will inform you how you can participate in our "**National Prayer For Commitment**" day.

It is in expectation as we pray that God will send workers which will result in every language group needing the Scriptures having a translation work started in our generation. (*Vision 2025*)

## FAMILY NEWS

- We praise the Lord that we were able to purchase a home in the Orlando area in early May. Thank you to everyone who financially gave toward that need! **Our new address after July 19 will be:**

Chuck & Barb Micheals  
5167 Poinsetta Ave.  
Winter Park, FL 32792

- Our son-in-law and daughter, Chris & Rachel Wassenaar, are celebrating the birth of their daughter Hannah Lynn, born on April 15. She was 7lbs, 10oz. and 20 ½" long. Mother and baby are all doing fine! We praise God for this new blessing!



Barb was able to be in Omaha, NE a week before the baby was born, during the delivery and two weeks afterward. Chuck had a

mission meeting scheduled in Omaha two weeks later and so we were able to be at Hannah's baptism!

- Our daughter Jenny graduated from the Reformed Bible College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Cross Cultural Studies and Theology on April 29, 2005 in Grand Rapids, MI. We were able to attend her graduation with the rest of our family. We praise God for this accomplishment in her life!



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