

Micheals' Memoirs

March 2010 UPDATE



Global Service Program

Since October last year, Chuck has been busy helping create a new short term service program for Wycliffe called the **Global Service Program**. This program is designed for people wanting to serve as missionaries with Wycliffe from six months to three years.

While we have seen over 1,100 people in the past few years join Wycliffe, we are not keeping pace with the growing Bible translation work around the world. Last year 109 new Bible translation projects were started and with each new project comes a need for more workers. Today there are more than 2,000 missionary positions that need to be filled and that number does not include the more than 2,200 language communities in the world that have no work started. Estimates call for the need to recruit more than 25,000 new workers worldwide to reach these remaining languages.

Part of Wycliffe's response to reach the remaining Bibleless people groups is the **Global Service Program**. Increasingly, it has become obvious that people want to serve for shorter periods of time and often need a short term service option before making a longer term commitment. The **Global Service Program** will allow people to rapidly join Wycliffe and also allow them to join as long term members easily after finishing their first year of service.

The **Global Service Program** is open for people ages 18 and above. The first group of people we hope to take into the program are missionary teachers who will help provide education to thousands of our missionary children. Early this coming summer we hope to open the program to other types of support work (accounting, aviation, communications/media, community development, construction and maintenance, government relations, IT/computing, operations, etc) since they are fairly easy to place on the field. Early this fall we hope to open the **Global Service Program** to the more challenging placement work of Bible translation, literacy and sociolinguistics.

As a result of the **Global Service Program**, we pray that this year we will see an additional 50 – 80 people join Wycliffe. **Will you join us in praying for this success?**

Next Gen Ministries

Barb recently participated in our 'Next Gen' youth ministries retreat and planning meetings in California. These important meetings are setting the stage for new youth work that Wycliffe will be involved in the next few years.



Our Next Gen Youth Ministries Team

Barb continues her work in coordinating the GET Global trips going to Guatemala and Papua New Guinea this summer. These trips are a vital part of our 'Next Gen' work. Already nine GET Global participants from previous trips are either studying or applying to study in Bible translation courses at various colleges.

Will you pray with us that these students will finish well and soon apply for membership with Wycliffe?

Celebrating 25 Years of Service With Wycliffe Bible Translators

It was January 13, 1985 when we first arrived in Papua New Guinea (PNG), ready to take up missionary work with Wycliffe. We arrived ready to serve the Lord with four kids in tow, 12 suitcases in hand along with crates and barrels of personal effects that would arrive soon afterwards.

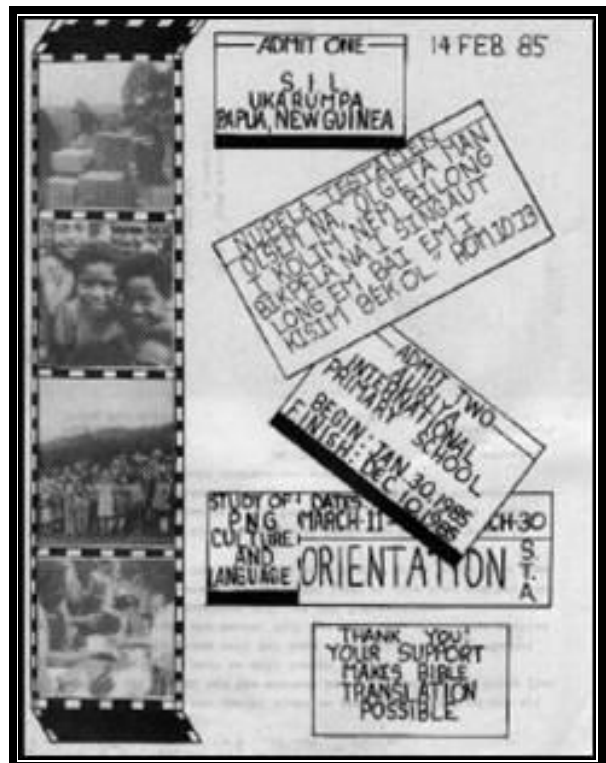
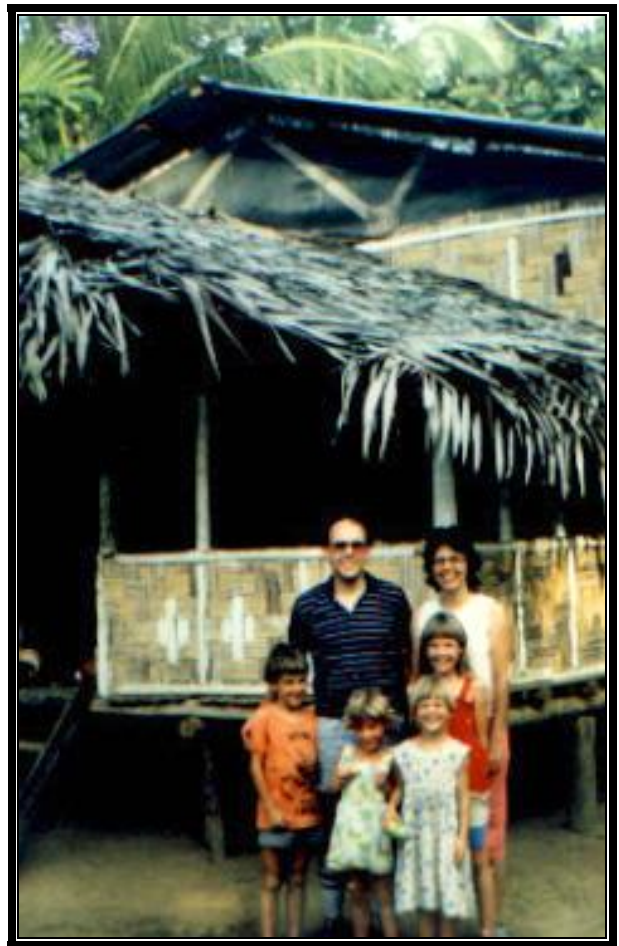


What awaited us was 15 years of adventure in one of the most remote places on earth, the eastern highlands of PNG. Only 30 years earlier had missionaries been allowed into the area, which had previously been a place of tribal warfare and cannibalism. However, we found that the Gospel had already begun its work in the hearts of the people. We also found Ukarumpa a great place to work, raise a family and host a Bible translation training center.

When we arrived in 1985 there were already 57 New Testament projects completed and in the 15 years we served there that number jumped to 125 New Testament projects completed.

Today we are happy to report that the Gospel continues its advance in PNG through Bible translation work. Today 175 New Testaments have been completed and **1.8 million people** in PNG now have access to the Word of God in their own language!!!

Work continues on an additional 101 Bible translation projects. However, the sad reality is that still over 300 languages in PNG wait for a Bible translation project to be started. **Would you pray for success in our recruiting work so that we would see all of these languages have a Bible translation project started in our lifetime?**



Our First Newsletter From Papua New Guinea
February 1985

Praise and Prayer

PRAISES

- Our daughter Jenny and her husband Kevin Struyk are expecting their first child. She is due in late August. This will be our sixth grandchild.
- Our daughter Maria and husband Josh Mishler and their three kids will be coming to the USA for a few weeks this summer for Isaac and Suzanne Morton's wedding. This means our whole family will again be together. Yeah!
- For the 21 young people who have applied for the GET Global short term trips with Wycliffe so far this summer.
- For the 44 people who have become new Wycliffe missionaries since October 1, 2009.

PRAYER

- For Isaac and Suzanne as they continue to make plans for their upcoming wedding in July in Wichita, Kansas.
- For Kevin and Jenny - that their new baby would develop normally and that Jenny would have a safe delivery.
- For the development of the new **Global Service Program**.

SPECIAL PRAYER NEED

- In our last newsletter we mentioned our need for an additional \$ 500 a month in financial support. While we have had a number of one time gifts to help us, our need for regular monthly support continues. Recently five of Chuck's Recruitment Ministries' recruiters have had to leave their jobs to work full time on raising financial support.

While we are not yet being told by Wycliffe that we will have to take time away from our work to raise additional support, we know that if our support does not increase in the next few months the clock will start ticking when we will have to. We also know that repairs are needed in our home and car and that past bills need to be taken care of.

We want to continue to work full time in our recruitment efforts and not have to take 3 – 6 months away from our work to do this. Please pray with us that our monthly support will go up by at least \$ 500 per month.

Did you know that Wycliffe participates in work place matching gift programs? It is possible your company may match your gift to us. Please check with your company to see if this is possible. We can help make this arrangement. Just give us a call.



Chuck With An Interested Family



Barb at our Next Gen Retreat

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