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MICHEALS' MEMOIRS

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New Wycliffe Work In Minnesota

For several years our regional office has been praying for a Wycliffe couple to join us in recruitment work in the Minneapolis, Minnesota area. Since almost 20% of the new recruits from our region are coming from the Minneapolis area we realized the need to assist these new potential members and further develop contacts at the Christian colleges and churches in this area.

The Lord has answered that prayer with not only one couple, but with two couples wanting to do recruitment work for Wycliffe! Tom & Ruth Eastling and Arvid & Nancy Westfall are in the process of developing that team and by this summer they hope to be well established in their work.



Wycliffe's First Minnesota
Recruitment Team Meeting

Since Chuck is responsible for the oversight of this new work, we both traveled to Minneapolis in November to have our first team meeting and to help the Eastlings with their house building project. Their house will also serve as a Wycliffe area



Eastling's New House



Barb Busy With Drywall Work

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office. They plan to have ministry programs in the basement of their new home.

While we were there, Tom fell off a ladder and broke five ribs. While Ruth tended to Tom, Barb took over the duties of cook for the volunteer workers. The house is now almost finished thanks to JAARS volunteers and a host of local friends and supporters.

Special People Helping Complete Bible Translation Work

One of our new found friends we met in Minnesota is Allen Eastling. Allen is Tom's younger brother who requires special care. Allen lives with Tom & Ruth, but in a separate part of the house so that Tom & Ruth can easily care for his needs.

However, Allen is more than just a person with special needs. Allen is also a special person who meets needs!



Allen was very involved with Wycliffe's work when Tom & Ruth lived and worked at Wycliffe's JAARS center in North Carolina. Allen was involved in all kinds of office work. He also helped in the kitchen at JAARS. Allen's main job was to help care for visiting missionaries and their needs when they attended JAARS conferences.

While in Minnesota, Allen kept asking us when he would be able to begin his new Wycliffe work. While there will be fewer dishes to clean, there will still be office work for Allen to do. We are happy that Allen will be helping in this way as we consider him to be a valuable part of our Minnesota team.

Reformation Faire

While we spend a large amount of our time talking and meeting individuals interested in serving with Wycliffe (almost 2000 in the past 2 ½ years), we also spend time representing Wycliffe at area churches. This means occasional preaching and participating in mission meetings. One such recent meeting we participated in was the **Reformation Faire** that the Fox Valley Christian Reformed Church of Illinois held.

This unique event was held to share with the community the vision of the reformation, which stressed the concept of “grace alone” through faith in Jesus Christ as our means of salvation.

Since Bible translation was such a major part of the reformation, the church asked us (Wycliffe) to participate. We were happy to represent ‘John Wycliffe’ as he was the first person to translate the Bible into English.

While the church at that time did not allow the Bible to be translated into the language of the common man, thankfully John Wycliffe believed the Bible needed to be in the hands of people in a language they understood and spoke. He defied the church and translated the Bible and the rest is history. God blessed His Word as it became widely distributed and used.



Could This Be Mr. & Mrs. John Wycliffe?

PRAYER

- For our mission trip to Haiti in March 2003. We want to go to encourage Isaac and the staff at the school. Pray for needed funds, workers and safety.
- For wisdom as there are changes coming in the administrative structure of our regional office. Soon we will be reporting directly to our headquarters in Orlando rather than a regional office director.

PRAISES

- For a great time in Omaha we had with all our children and grandchild over the holidays.
- Isaac's safe return to Haiti.
- Good jobs and a great school for our children.
- For faithful prayer and financial supporters.

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