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Dear friends,

We don't always have the right words to thank the people we are indebted to, and yet we owe it to you to try!

The past two months have been busy and exciting ones for Wycliffe SA, and we want to thank each of you for praying for us as we shared the vision for Bible translation, in different ways and in different areas of South Africa. Many times when we hit a 'bump in the road' we took heart in knowing that people were praying for God to stir up the vision for His powerful Word to be made available to people of all ethnic groups and all languages on this globe – over 300 million of them!

Some of you in South Africa participated in the various events held across the country, and we thank you from our hearts for your encouragement and support. It takes a team to get God's Word to

the Bible-less, and YOU are definitely an integral part of this team!

We praise God for keeping all those of us involved in the Wycliffe "tour" safe and in good health. The guest speakers Joanne Shetler and Amy West stayed well as did the cast and our little band of Wycliffe workers - these are gifts we do not take for granted.

The Culture meets Scripture workshops, the testimony evenings, the drama performances, and the school presentations – in all of these we were aware of God's undergirding help and blessing. Now we ask you to pray with us for a rich harvest of fruit – more labourers, more support staff, and more prayer and financial partners. Let's join in asking God to enable us to attempt great things for a great God. And let all the nations

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praise Him as they receive His transforming Word!

As we look to the next half of 2011, won't you please pray to God for new partners to join us in tackling the mountain of remaining languages needing translation. There are over 2,000 of them! Lately we have discovered that right here on our doorstep in southern Africa, there are over 50 remaining languages needing translation of God's Word.

The challenge, and the good news is that not everyone has to leave their home country to be part of this team. Some go, while others provide support services to keep them there. Some make the resources available, while others spread the vision. Still others pray to the Lord of the Harvest for all of these people to come forward, especially as we see how ripe the fields are for harvesting. Now is the time, many are the opportunities, but the people to do the work are so few!

Thank you so much for your support and encouragement we really appreciate them so much.

Roy, Rose, Mariah and Thalya

Our holiday in Cape Town



Tibbits update

A wonderful side benefit of being in Cape Town for the Drama and “Culture Meets Scripture” workshop, was enjoying the magnificent scenery all around us. It was too cold to swim in the sea but that didn't stop the girls from enjoying the beach. As far as they are concerned it is never too cold to eat ice cream .



Its not a holiday without ice-cream

The theatre in Cape Town, where the drama performance took place, was completely filled, with the best turnout we have had for any of the shows. We were also encouraged that the mix of people included those from all races and a number of young people.

Mariah and Thalya are back in school and seem to be enjoying themselves and doing well as usual. Their last term reports we good and so we are all encouraged.

I had the privilege of attending the Lausanne III Congress follow up conference. We attempted to work through some of the critical issues facing the church and to come up with a strategic initiative for South Africa. One of the key issues we were looking at was reconciliation and how to present a united front as Christians with regards to justice and retribution. By the time you receive this letter I will be on

my way, overland to Nampula, Mozambique for our mission conference. It is a three to four day trip over all kinds of roads, so please pray for safety, and that we will all be kept from getting malaria. Pray for Rose and the girls while I am in Mozambique as there will be so many daily things I will not be able to help them with.

Thank you for praying for us.

Roy, Rose ,Mariah and Thalya

At Any Cost

*They trudged wearily together up the hill, the old man and his promised son.
Knife, fire wood and coals, father wondering, never questioning the Holy one.
What did they say as they took the unexpected journey to the designated hill?
Was the talk about sheep, reminiscing or talking about God's strange will?*

*Was the old man wishing for a more humane way, or asking that he may,
Wait for another day, take time to consider other options, seek and pray?
What about gold, or with some very valuable property could the price be paid?
Was the old man expecting a sudden break, no, he had learned to willingly obey?*

*So he journeyed ahead, his ears were always tuned to listen to that sacred call.
Refusing to worship his only beloved son, his heir, so handsome, strong and tall.
He carried the knife, knowing human sacrifice was abhorred by God, not the norm,
Trust in God caused him to rest, through his obedience a new beginning was born.*

I was recently reading again the story of God's request to Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. It was actually a request, not a direct command. Abraham said "Yes" to God. I was also reminded that a descendant of Abraham, a young Jewish girl, also said "Yes" to God, and so did her Son. The young girl said, "Let it be done to me as you have spoken," and her son said, "Not my will but yours be done." Three people saying "yes" to God changed world history forever and changed the course of my life.

*Roy Tibbit
June 30th 2011*



We now have our second car up and running. It will have to go back to the garage for minor repairs but it is now a great asset to us. It will allow me to be at the office for a full day and Rose can pick up the children from school and also get many errands done while I am away. Thank you to all of you who made this possible for us. The children have named the car "Bluskop" the Afrikaans name for a blue headed lizard.



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