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Janet's Journal



Wycliffe Bible Translators is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year! That's 80 years of God transforming lives through the work of Bible translation. Today Wycliffe is still working to ensure that every person has access to Scripture in a language and format they can truly understand. In 2021 the translation goal of the consortium of worldwide partners was to begin new projects in 120 new languages. Instead, miraculously even in a COVID reality, God allowed Global Partnerships to begin translation programs in 153 new language groups, 125 of which are people groups who've not yet received a single verse of Scripture in their language. All glory to God! Stepping out in faith, the goal this year is 200 project starts!



Recently, at our weekly *EnterMission* meeting, where we celebrate accomplishments and hear stories and testimonies from colleagues around the world, a colleague's report caught my attention. We often consider the challenges of doing translation in language groups around the world. However, I was excited to hear how God is accomplishing translation for closed countries by launching those projects in the U.S. and Canada. We call them **diaspora** translation projects.

One such project is the **Kunama** project. Though the Kunama people are from Eritrea, the mother tongue translators live in **Salt Lake City, UT, Phoenix, AZ, Sioux Falls, SD and Ottawa, Canada**. The team works independently during the week, but they meet on Saturday nights to review and correct their draft verses via Zoom. This is actually a Wycliffe Ethiopia translation project. However, one of the key partners is a Kunama church in Sioux Falls, SD. SIL (our academic partner overseas) provides the translation consultant who meets with the translation team. Eritrea is a challenging if not impossible place to do this work, so God is accomplishing this translation in creative ways.

And here's another new thought: with all the people pouring across our border right now, could it be that God might ultimately position language speakers from restricted-access countries here so that they can have His Word in their heart language.

Our online Pathways event went very well in January with more than 40 participants. Hopefully we'll do another one during the summer. We've scheduled our first, since COVID, in-person Explore event for May 9-14 at Colorado Christian University, so I'm helping with online registrations and inquiries. Please pray this can move forward. With COVID and variants and constant changes in protocol, we have to hold our plans loosely.

On a personal note, all is good so far with my eyes since surgery and with another steroid injection, and my pressures are stable using the five different drops. January was the month for doctor visits, most just routine annual check-ups, and I got good reports from all of them. When I saw the pulmonary

doctor, we decided together that the C-pap machine isn't doing what she hoped (help me sleep better and take away my constant fatigue), so since the stats aren't that bad for my oxygen levels dropping when asleep, she felt it was safe for me to stop using it. I think I'm actually sleeping better now since I don't have to breathe through a mask over my face and a hose hanging over my head at night!



My Christmas was quiet but very nice, more time to be reflective, and I made some new traditions. I went to a botanical garden the day after Christmas and enjoyed all the tree and poinsettia decorations. One of their trees is pictured Here. Even though I missed seeing my family over the holidays (I visited the week before Christmas to deliver presents), it was still very meaningful.

I celebrated my birthday this month and give God praise for so many years of enjoying His blessings and salvation. Pictured here I'm celebrating at a local smorgasbord restaurant where I enjoyed a free birthday buffet with a friend.



In Christ's service,

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Praise for:

*Good health reports
Translation projects
started last year
Improved bowling scores!*

Prayer for:

*Good participation in our
online Pathway events
Participants for our May
Explore in Colorado*

