



Mark and Laura Woodward, August 2010

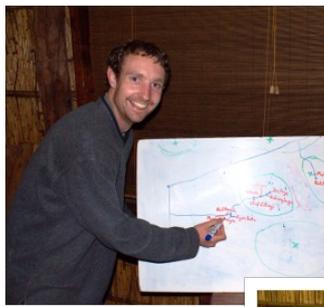
Dear praying friends,

Many thanks for your prayers and financial support for us over the last few months. It has been a busy and uncertain time in some ways, but we're grateful for God's faithfulness and guidance. We also thank God that you are on this journey with us, giving vital support to us personally and to the work we're involved in with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

At the end of July Mark finished his role as Recruitment Coordinator for Wycliffe UK. The last three and a half years have been a time when he has learnt a great deal, and very much enjoyed being part of the team at the Wycliffe Centre in the UK. We thank God for the 51 Wycliffe members who have joined the organisation in that time, now supporting Bible translation in 18 countries around the world. We've also had the privilege of seeing over 100 people go overseas short-term, with hundreds of others corresponding with Mark as they think and pray about their role in God's mission.

Please pray for these people as they continue to serve God, and for others like them to want to be involved in Bible translation around the world.

A few of the people Mark has been involved in recruiting and training



Language Assessment training in western Zambia



In May Mark was asked by a partner organisation of Wycliffe to spend two weeks in western Zambia, working alongside a small team of people who are wanting to start a Bible translation programme for the various language groups there.

Mark's job was to give a week of training in language assessment, and then to spend a week helping the team to put the training into practice. The team were needing to research how – in what language(s) and form(s) – the various Bible-less language groups in western Zambia would best engage with the Bible.

The week of training, followed by a week researching the Kwangwa people and their language, went very well. Please pray for the team as they continue with the research and, together with church leaders in the region, plan how to proceed with the Bible translation programme.

Last month we received the sad news that one of the men Mark trained, Charles Chinga, had sadly passed away after a short illness. Please pray for his wife and three young children in Mongu, Zambia as they come to terms with his loss.



We are now looking forward to a new stage in life where we are still working with Wycliffe, but starting to prepare more for going overseas, with the intention of moving to Tanzania in the future. Laura has just started a degree course in Psychology from a university in Oregon, which will give her skills that she can hopefully use to give support to Wycliffe members working cross-culturally at some point in the future.

Mark is starting an MA in Bible and Mission from Redcliffe College in Gloucester, which he'll be doing part-time for the next couple of years, and will also be working remotely for the Uganda-Tanzania branch of SIL (a partner organisation of Wycliffe), helping them to develop a website.

Our hope was that we would be moving to Oregon in the US around now, but Mark's visa is still being processed. On September 23rd he will have an interview at the US embassy in London, which we're hoping will lead to the granting of his visa. We would really appreciate your prayers that this goes smoothly and that we would be able to move to the US soon.

When we're in the US part of our focus will be on encouraging individuals and churches to support us through prayer and financially in the work that we're doing there, and as we prepare to move to Tanzania in the future. Please let us know if you'd like to know more about this, or if you'd like us to speak to any group about Bible translation! You can also find out more about supporting us on our website: <http://everytongue.co.uk/support>

Katavi Bible translation project

This month a team has been meeting with church leaders in the far west of Tanzania, and also assessing the language communities there and their languages to determine how a potential Bible translation project should go ahead.

The first meeting of the partnership on August 16th went well, and all the church leaders agreed to work together to make the Bible accessible to four or five language communities in the region.



Please pray for good relations between the church leaders, and wisdom as they move forward. Pray also for us as we prepare to potentially be involved in this project in the future!

Photos courtesy of Louise at <http://louiseintz.wordpress.com>

For the next couple of months we'll be based in Melksham, Wiltshire where we'll be working from home and spending time with people at one of our supporting churches. We're very grateful to have kindly been given a flat by a lady at this church where we can stay while we wait for Mark's visa to be issued. You can find our new address for the next couple of months below...

Thanks so much for your continued prayer and support for us and the work we're doing. We're looking forward to moving into this new phase of our lives, spending the next year or so in the US, and thinking about working in Tanzania in the future. We pray that you are also excited to be playing a vital part in what God is doing in reaching out to people of all nations!



Cut along here to remember to pray for us!

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Thank God for:

A successful trip for Mark to Zambia
Provision of somewhere to stay for the next couple of months

Our courses and work ahead, which we're excited about!

The successful language survey and partnership meetings in Katavi, Tanzania, where we may be working in future

Pray for:

The start of the translation project in Zambia, and for Charles Chinga's family
Mark's visa interview on 23rd September and the visa to be issued

Provision of our financial needs as we move to the US and try to raise support

Church leaders and others in Katavi, Tanzania as they start working together on a translation project