

# The Kvale Connection

**Connecting the Church to Bibleless People Groups and Bibleless People Groups to the Church**  
**SUPPORTING MISSIONARIES IN BIBLE TRANSLATION WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**



*Lord.....make me a fork, that men must turn one way or another on facing Christ in me. -Jim Elliot*

Spring temperatures melted our winter igloo and we are back into MN summer. We had been stationed in Starbuck, MN caring for Glenda's mom (Eleanor) since October 2009 and we are now all back together at our hobby farm in Balaton, MN as of June 15. Another sibling is with Glenda's mom until August. We are in full swing preparing for our annual fundraiser with a bake sale and selling fireworks. Tracts are ready in various languages for our area, and we pray receptive hearts receive the Gospel message. This fundraiser takes place June 28—July 4 in the Walmart parking lot in Marshall, MN. God answered many of your prayers with us as Steve and Jason traveled from March 22—April 7. Steve worked once again with his team at Wycliffe USA Orlando and Jason worked with Wycliffe Associates, as well as serving in the Dominican Republic with



Missionary journeys to Wycliffe in Orlando & the DR

ASON International. They were delayed in their return flight, but the airline provided travel vouchers for their next trip—another provision of the Lord for whenever the next trip needs to be. While in Orlando, Steve reconnected with the IT team and began a new project which is described on page 2. Glenda continues to be supportive administratively, is focused on getting the home front reorganized and spending time with the kids while she can be home. We cannot express the joy we share in being partners with you to reach the Bibleless. The worth of God's Word cannot be measured. "My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body."(Proverbs 4:20-22,NIV). Thank you for your ongoing prayerful and financial support enabling us in God's call.

## Prayer Requests

- For understanding in Steve's new assignment and steady teamwork on the project.
- For Glenda's mom as she was diagnosed in April with an inoperable tumor and is undergoing 36 treatments of radiation until July 21.
- Health, safety, and energy during our intense fundraiser weeks. We had one attempted theft last year. Our God reigns.
- Johnny, the translator we follow in our newsletters. Pray for his return from Tanzania, adjustment, study time and trusting God to prepare him for his next translation assignment.
- Grace and consistency to catch up on some subjects in our homeschool with a tutor the Lord provided to help us. PTL!

*That every tribe and tongue may worship the Lamb...*



### Contributions are Mailed to:

**Wycliffe Bible Translators**  
**P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200**

Checks should be made payable to Wycliffe Bible Translators with a separate note saying "for the ministry of Steve & Glenda Kvale #200316."

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## The Foundation

“The Bible is foundational to every other ministry! And apart from prayer, there is no activity more foundational to evangelism than the translation of God's Word.”

— Loren Cunningham, founder of Youth With A Mission

## JAARS

In 2005, when Steve was first encouraged to consider a career in missions, he was directed to JAARS.org to fill out a skills assessment. We received an email that enthusiastically shared options within the Wycliffe family of organizations where Steve would be most effective to support the work of Bible translation efforts with his skill set. We were told they were praying for us, and they gave us a number to call as we considered God's will regarding the next step in this direction.

J.A.A.R.S., located in Waxhaw, NC, began in 1948 as Jungle Aviation and Radio Service. They have since expanded their technical support services and resources to speed Bible translation for all people. Known now simply as JAARS, they partner with the Wycliffe Bible Translators family of organizations, which includes in this country: Wycliffe Bible Translators, SIL International, Wycliffe Foundation, Wycliffe Associates, The Seed Company, and The Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics.

Since returning from Orlando, Steve is part of an IT team which works to improve this professional skills inventory process in connection with the Wycliffe recruiting department for better relations in matching up an applicant's skills effectively with the areas of service they would fit best for God's glory.

## FROM A PRAYER PARTNER

“How are you doing, Kvale Family? I am still here at JAARS volunteering. I am receptionist in the Language Services Center and

thought I would send you an email. Here you are already in their computer. I should have known. I have been here since January 2, 2010 and will be leaving for MN April 5. Since being here, I certainly have a new appreciation of your work with Wycliffe and how you are using your knowledge of computers to further the Gospel. My desk is right by the HELP desk here and the vast technology just blows my mind.

“When they ask me how I got involved in Wycliffe I always bring up your family. Getting to know you and having you in my home gave me a different vision of Bible translation and Wycliffe. When they had the Wycliffe dinner theater in Balaton, I housed a lot of the people that night. We sat up late talking about their vision, faith and desires to serve God in Bible translation which also impressed me.

“When I listen to them at the HELP desk talking to people all over the world, I understand your work better. So I just wanted to touch base with you and let you know that I pray for you often. I thank God for the opportunity to be able to serve as a volunteer here at JAARS. Instead of me being a blessing, I have been the one blessed. I will go home challenged and encouraged in my faith. Be encouraged my friend. You are being used in such a unique way for the glory of God. Thanks for serving. Blessings, LaDonne”

*If you'd like to consider short or long term service with JAARS, visit [JAARS.org](http://JAARS.org) or call them at 1-800-890-0628.*

## Praises

- We struggled for months looking for a tutor. Praise God one is now provided. God bless this relationship.
- For joy in the summer months. What therapy that is for those of us Minnesotans. :)
- That God provided all the funds needed for the Orlando trip and Dominican Republic plus unexpected future plane tickets.
- We are all experiencing good health and have arrived safely at all destinations for hundreds of miles.
- Opportunities for our children to go to various summer camps and be refreshed growing in the Lord and being with special friends in their lives.

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## Following a Translator (continued from previous newsletters)

Johnny Walker has been in Tanzania for two+ years. He's learned the language, done extensive research, helped design a writing system in two previously unwritten languages, used opportunities to teach and train nationals, and given input into ways to make the translation even more effective. Johnny returns to North America in June and seeks prayer as he begins a study assignment (2 years) to get a Master's degree in Linguistics. Johnny became good friends with a man named Marco in Tanzania who is now a pastor. Marco's vision for the future is to go out preaching in the villages near Tabora where many people from another major world religion are living. This motivates us in our support roles! Pray! :)