

# The Davidson Heartbeat

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## Wycliffe's Training Camp

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There is an old joke that asks, "How do you eat an elephant?" The answer being, "One bite at a time."

During our two weeks here at Training Camp we have felt at times that we were asked to eat an elephant, but only able to take one bite at a time.

Training Camp dished up healthy helpings of valuable information. We

studied everything from maintaining strong relationships, to the history and vision of Wycliffe, to proper paperwork procedures (yes, there is still paperwork in missions) to raising children in a Third World culture (our ears were open for this conversation, because we hope to have some chitlins overseas.)

Still, we were blessed by the other camp partici-

pants from all over the United States. Some of these campers had returned from overseas to join Wycliffe. Amazing!! We were even invited over to Bob Creson (president of Wycliffe) and his wife Dallas' home for Blue Bell Ice Cream Banana Splits.

Overall, Training Camp filled us with zeal and fervor to accomplish God's call in our life.

### Thoughts & Prayers:

- Safe travel as we go to Colorado, Indiana, and The Dominican Republic.
- For partners to desire to join with us in our endeavor to serve God overseas.
- That we would find more affordable housing now that Alan is a full-time missionary with Wycliffe.
- Continual marriage renewal with our hectic schedules.
- For our cars to survive until we leave.





Wycliffe Bible Translators is a nonprofit organization with headquarters in

Orlando, Florida, USA. It is dedicated to making a translation of God's Word accessible to all people in the language of their heart.

Wycliffe was founded in 1942 by William "Cam" Townsend. Wycliffe is currently working in 97 countries. The organization is named after John Wycliffe, the first person to compile a translation of the Bible into Middle English.

There are over 6,900 languages in the world today. Over 2,200 of those languages do not have the Bible in their spoken language. That means that there are about 200 million people without the written Scripture.

## Who Is Wycliffe??

Most Bible translations take between 10 to 25 years. That is a loooooong time. That means those people without a written Scripture would have to wait 50 years or more to see the penned Word. So Wycliffe has established Vision 2025, which hopes to see a language project begun in every language group by the year 2025.

Please pray for this movement, especially for those who do not have the Bible in their language.

## What's Next??

Our Wycliffe training has been a wonderful experience, but it is only the beginning of our missionary experience. Either one or both of us will be doing some extensive traveling in the coming months. Here are some of those trips:

- Denver, Colorado (10/15—10/21)—We are hoping to partner with another missionary organiza-
- Angola, Indiana (11/15—11/18)—Alan is traveling to the Mental Health and Missions conference to discuss counseling possibilities in Africa.
- Dominican Republic (12/25—

tion to allow Tywonn to serve the nationals with her nursing skills.

12/30)—We are taking a vacation where Alan did a mission trip this summer. This should be a great time of sun and fun, as we relax and rejuvenate.



## Partnership

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