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Roy & Becky Eyre Aug 2012 Leading Wycliffe Canada in serving the minority languages



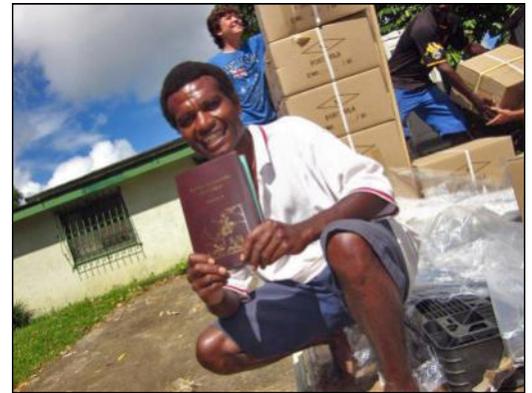
## Celebrating with the Southwest Tanna

A few years ago, Becky and I were surprised to discover that one of our kids thought we were Bible translators. I guess we shouldn't be surprised that our little ones don't know what Daddy really does in the office. But no, we're not translators... though as natural problem solvers, graphic designers and chemical engineers might make good ones. Yet God has never opened that door to us.

Instead, we've learned to live vicariously. Being part of an organization that impacts people all over the world gives us a lot of joy and satisfaction. However, our family wanted a more personal connection to Bible translation, so we invested in the Southwest Tanna project in Vanuatu. Since this South Pacific project began about twelve years ago, we have donated and prayed regularly for our friends, consultants Ken and Mendy Nehrbass. I also had the privilege of designing the cover for the first scriptures ever printed in that language.

Over the years, we became familiar with the other eleven people on the Southwest Tanna translation team – people like Chief Jenry Nasey, below – who have invested their time, blood, sweat and tears into seeing God's Word in their own language.

They dedicated their New Testament on May 31. You won't see us in any of the pictures, because our bodies remained 10,000 km away from Vanuatu that day. But we were celebrating with them from here. This was our project, too.



Chief Jenry, a translator, holds one of the first copies off the truck. Mendy tells us he was so overwhelmed to hold God's Word in his hands – all the hard work can finally reach the hands of those in his language. He said his heart was so filled with peace and joy and excitement that his tears fell down his cheeks.

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## What does a president do?

If you know me, you know I'm too action-oriented to merely *preside*.



One of the highlights was doing inductive Bible study with 500 people in three official languages.

That root word is far too stationary. Here are a few of the things I've been working on.

I spent May traveling – 40 hours in the air, 80 hours in airports and, if you string all my trips together, I came up nine miles short of the circumference of the earth. The big trip was visiting Southeast Asia, where I attended Wycliffe's Global Gathering along with 500 people from 67 nations – a picture of the breadth of the global Bible translation movement. We saw some excellent examples of spiritual authority and unity, especially around some potentially-contentious issues. The most important

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moments for me were the opportunity to meet with the 21 Canadian leaders who attended and the chance on two occasions to visit language projects. Read about my experiences at [teameyre.wordpress.com](http://teameyre.wordpress.com).

Last month, our Calgary office hosted a pilot training workshop for staff building their financial and prayer partnership teams. Many are struggling with their finances, and we need to better equip them as they build those teams. The best statistic: 100 per cent of the participants said they'd recommend the workshop.

God is putting the pieces in place to launch a Language and Culture Acquisition program in Toronto at Tyndale University. With half the population of Toronto foreign-born, what better host city for a program to equip the Church and our partners in learning language and culture?



We've begun reorganizing Wycliffe Canada to flatten the structure, strengthen our culture, spark new innovation and bring more diverse voices to our leader-

ship team. As a number of our staff struggle in various ways with the changes, my main focus right now is change management.

On September 7, I will join a team of students in the Race to 2025, a two-day adventure race designed to raise funds and awareness for work in Cameroon. I'll be

trying not to slow down my team as we trek, rappel, mountain bike and canoe our way through the Rockies. Find out more at [teameyre.wordpress.com](http://teameyre.wordpress.com).

## Relishing new experiences

For the kids, the best part of our transition here continues to be the bounty of new experiences.



Top: The three enjoyed dressing the part for the Calgary Stampede. Above: We have recently entered the realm of parenting a teen, as Aidan turned 13 in June. He's showing more and more responsibility now, frequently babysitting and taking on a job delivering newspaper flyers. Meanwhile, ballet suited Kaitlyn's passions until the Olympics convinced her to switch to gymnastics this fall.

Top: Summitting Prairie Mountain after a 2,000 foot climb. Above: For the boys, the highlight of the Stampede was a tour of Canadian military equipment. Good thing the weapons aren't live, or "Indiana Jones" Aidan just blew off your kneecaps.

New experiences over the past year for one or more of the kids: kayaking, hiking, sledding, river ice skating, cross-country skiing, ballet, rock wall climbing, Hapkido, tubing, archery/riflery, volcano-exploring, vegetable-gardening and guitar lessons.