

LEONARDS' QUARTERLY

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Celebrating 30 Years with Wycliffe/SIL

Henny and I can remember spending a summer up in a dormitory at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks with four young children. That adventure introduced us to some of the tools for doing Bible Translation: linguistics,



Our first missionary picture.

phonology, phonetics, syntax and stuff like that. We pushed through that first semester and that opened the door for us to become members of Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Summer Institute of Linguistics, now simply SIL. That year, 1987, sent us on an adventure that challenged us and shaped us and our children in many ways. We believe it was all

Prayer Items

We are thanking God for the hopeful prognosis after Henny's surgery on her right eye. She is thankful to have passed her vision test for her driving license.

Thanking God too for the team that is coming together to lead SIL's i55 group as Jim hands over the director job next summer.

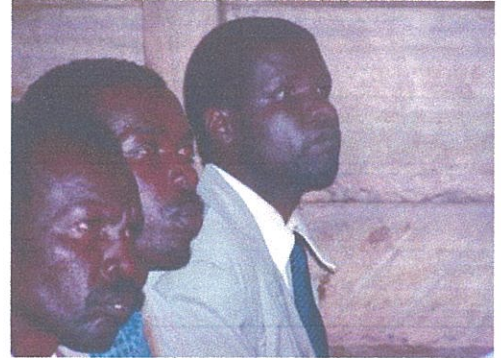
Our daughter Sarah has moved to a home of her own nearby with her two boys after living with us for 6 years. We thank God for caring for that little family.

Henny and I thank God for the privilege of serving in Wycliffe/SIL for 30 years. We cannot think of a better organization to work for.

We expect to continue in Wycliffe for the next few years in a new role with less travel and less direct supervision of staff. Please pray for guidance as we seek His will.

We are also thankful for your financial and prayer support all these years.

planned by God as a gift for all six of us, but the gift came with some painful surprises. Separation from family, sickness and cross-cultural disorientation come to mind. Seeing poverty close up weighed on us. Can that be compared to the joy of being directly involved in giving the Bible to people of 6



Kenyan Pastors at Bible Story workshop. (c.2001)

languages and overseeing the work in 30 languages? Of making friends around the world? Of learning the beautiful languages and cultures on the other side of the world? Of having our faith stretched and love for God invigorated by seeing His protection and care for us in dangerous situations? No, we have no regrets, just a few wounds as reminders that we are very much in need of a God who heals and cares for us always.



Birthday girl Emma, 3 years old. Our youngest grandchild.

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