



Assigned to the Bibleless in Guatemala
with Wycliffe Bible Translators

Hilers On Mission

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Hello friends loved by Christ!

The last month has been a whirlwind! We are so glad to be able to send out an update of God's progress and blessing!

God has been with us! What more could anyone ask? And now we are closer than ever to reaching our monthly recurring Wycliffe ministry budget and, therefore, our assignment in Guatemala!

Partnership Trek Highlights - We are grateful!

Before and during our trip we prayed, asking God to do His will so that all glory would be His. His name was glorified! We could not have planned the things that God did!

Here are some highlights from our Partnership Trek:

We have many new relationships, one with a new partner church in Puerto Rico! We met one of their pastors at a wonderful sister church we visited in Rochester, NY.

Friends Friends Friends! We were so honored and encouraged by many friends! God has touched our hearts deeply through these wonderful children of God. Thank you, friends!

Good progress was made towards moving to Guatemala through several new prayer and financial partners and increased monthly gifts!

God is teaching us about following Him. This is, perhaps, His greatest gift of the trip.

Sacrifice and Purpose

We would like to share a true story that shows the critical importance of God's gift of Scripture to all people everywhere.

Why Did We Not Know?

Eugene Scott (Scotty) had been working in Peru on the Sharanahua New Testament translation for many years. One day he led one of the older men in the Sharanahua village to Christ. Soon after, the the man died.

As they were laying him in the ground, another older man came alongside Scotty and commented, "It's dark down there, isn't it?" The man had a slight tremble in his voice.

Scotty knew what was on his mind. The Sharanahuas were traditionally animists. The animists of the Amazon have a fear of darkness. They seldom venture out at night. They hate dark places. Spirits that inhabit the animals, trees, and water use the darkness to attack their victims to bring sickness and death.

Scotty could tell this man was thinking of the day he would be put in a dark hole and confront the terrifying world of the spirits. Scotty said, "Yes, it's dark where they are putting his body. But his spirit is going to a place where it is never dark."

The man was startled. "Do you mean there is a place where it never gets dark?"

Scotty told him, "Yes. Your friend here gave his life over to Jesus. And Jesus has taken him to where it is never dark."

The old man thought a moment and asked, "Have you known for a long time about this place?"

"Yes, I've known about it since I was a boy."

"Did your father know about it?"

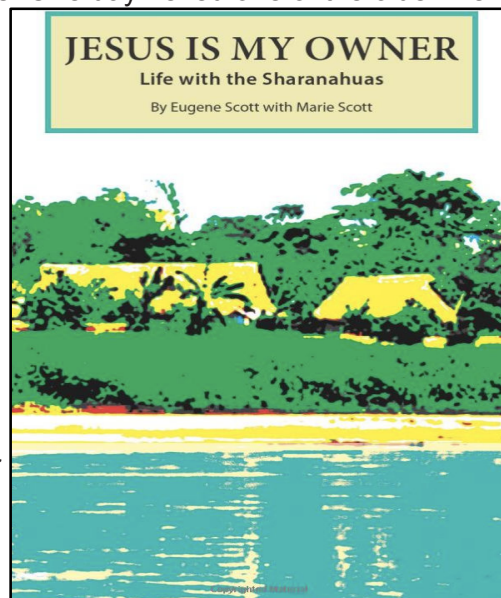
"Yes, my father knew, too."

After a long pause he asked again, "Did your ancestors know about this place?"

"Yes," Scotty had to answer, "my ancestors new about the place."

"I'm and old man," he said, "and I never heard about that place. My ancestors never heard about it and they all died." The man just stood, looking into the hole. He was too polite to ask the next question, but Scotty could read it in his eyes, "If there is such a place, why did we not know about it?"

"...And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?..." (from Romans 10:14)



Recent and Upcoming

Training

We have the opportunity while here at JAARS to take additional training!

IMS Summit

We have been invited to the International Media Services (IMS) Summit, right here at JAARS! Only God could time this. By the time you receive this it will have just finished. It is three days of focused learning and discussion with IMS field veterans and leaders.

The focus of this year's summit:

"Global Realities of the 21st Century: Migration, Diaspora, Urbanization, Multilingualism – the intersections of oral and literate communications and the implications for Bible translation, scripture engagement and language program planning."

Audio for Video Training (including video dubbing)

This training will teach us methods of implementing audio for use in video projects in a way that is culturally appropriate and high quality.

4 x 4 Off-road Training

Since we will be in a mountainous country with somewhat unpredictable road conditions, it has been recommended that we consider taking the off-road training offered here. Seems like a good idea to be as prepared as possible.

Praises

God has been with us! We have seen Him in the lives of so many people on our last partnership trip.

More logistics and preparations have been completed in preparing to go!

Prayer Requests

For more faith in God that He will provide for His work, and that we will follow hard after Him.

That God would use us for His glory. There is no higher purpose and blessing.

That we will focus on prayer and God's Word. We need His wisdom.

Protection from the schemes of the enemy. Jesus himself used the power of scripture to show us how to fight satan. "People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Why Go? Or Why be a Partner?

When he saw the crowds, he had *compassion* for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. *Then he said to his disciples*, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; *therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*" Matthew 9:36-38

God Gives The Answers

The verses above tell us that when we pray, God moves to help the helpless. That is a HUGE privilege. His purposes happen in part because we *obey his call*, asking Him to do His will through us! The verses below show us that *He makes US ALL a part of His work.*

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. *How then will they call on him* in whom they have not believed? And *how are they to believe in him* of whom they have never heard? And *how are they to hear* without someone preaching? And *how are they to preach* unless they are sent? Romans 10:13-15

Faithful Worshipers

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17

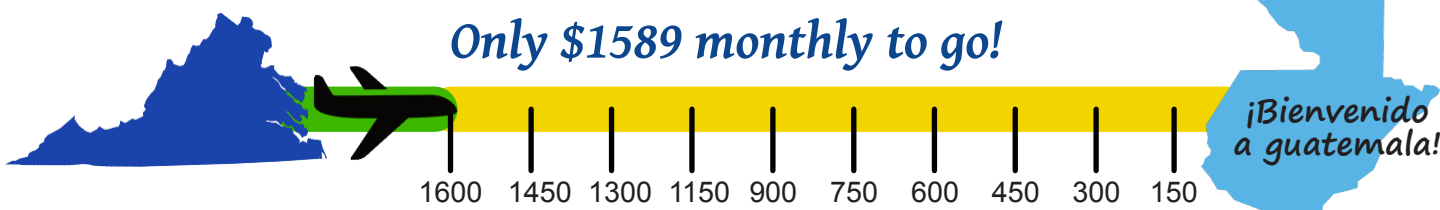
Marcia and I want to be ever more faithful worshipers of our Lord Jesus Christ. In loving obedience to the passion He has placed in our hearts, we want *others to hear the word of Christ*, resulting in saving faith and worship to God.

Ask God

Join us in asking God to complete our Wycliffe Partner team.

Partners are critical team members whose commitment enables those who are called to the field to get there, take the Gospel to the lost, and to thrive in ministry through:

- Prayer
- Necessary financial support
- Talking with others about the mission (advocating)
- By going!



Is God asking you to partner with us in our Wycliffe ministry?

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