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First Evangelical Covenant Church
316 Wood Rd
Rockford, IL 61107-4999

Dear First Evangelical Covenant Church,

I am writing to let you know that after 10 years of successful ministry, Galen Johnson has now retired from Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc. On behalf of all Galen's colleagues in Wycliffe USA, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your involvement with him through the years with your prayers, financial investments and encouragement. Your partnership has meant a great deal to his successful ministry.

We thank the Lord for Galen and for his significant contribution to the work of Bible translation. Assigned to the Seed Company as a field coordinator, Galen focused on Bible translation in the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, creating projects reaching over 40 people groups. Having lived in these countries prior to service with Wycliffe, he brought language skills and cultural background used to build partnerships with national organizations and mother tongue translators. He celebrates the completion of one full Bible, five New Testaments, Bible storytelling workshops, and more. Galen's dearest accomplishment was supporting the initialization of "trauma healing through storytelling" for traumatized peoples of central Africa. Galen is retiring to his home in Minneapolis. In retirement, Galen looks forward to quality time with his wife, Jill, to woodworking, to bicycling, and possibly, to ministry on a part-time basis.

Galen is grateful that the Lord has blessed him financially. His resources will provide ample retirement income. Therefore, Galen urges you to continue partnering in Bible translation and has asked that you consider giving to Wycliffe's Worldwide Projects Fund. Otherwise all gifts received after the effective date of retirement will be directed to our Missionary Assistance Fund which helps to provide key funding for our missionaries that are most in need. This includes supplemental assistance for those with insufficient salaries or retirement pension, and also for those with unusually large launching expenses to start their first overseas assignment. Please contact Donor Relations at 1-800-992-5433 if you have any questions or concerns about your giving preferences. They will be happy to put you in touch with other Wycliffe missionaries, or you can go to wycliffe.org/partner to learn more about the Wycliffe ministries of other missionaries.

Please join us in prayer for Galen as he makes this major life and ministry transition. Thank you again for the significant role you've played in making his ministry possible, and for your part in providing God's Word to all people. If you have any questions, please email retirement_consultant_orlando@wycliffe.org.

Warmly in Christ,



Dr. John Chesnut
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