

Mark and Sharon Sweeting with Wycliffe Associates, Nigeria

Mark and Sharon are involved with advancing Bible translation in Africa.

After spending several years involved with the short term missions program at Crossroads, God allowed Mark and Sharon to fulfill their life long desire to minister in full time missions. There are thousands of People groups that have no scripture in their language. Wycliffe Bible Translators has set the ambitious goal of starting all remaining translations by the year 2025.

Wycliffe Associates (WA) is a partner organization that provides various support services that allows the translators to stay on task with their work or helps speed it up; IT, construction management, maintenance, medical, administrative, etc. Nigeria, West Africa, was not on the Sweetings' list of new assignment locations but it has been near the top of the WA list for many years. Nigeria has over 500 languages to translate, 300 of which have not even been started. It is the country of greatest need in Africa (actually # 2 in the world) when it comes to Bible translation. The Sweetings were asked to spearhead WA's new partnership with a national translation organization. The Nigeria Bible Translation Trust is currently managing over 100 different translation projects and will add 10-20 more each year. The Sweetings assess areas where WA can partner and provide resources, programs, personnel and funding and then manage those resources as they are implemented.

A few changes are in the future. Sharon has completed her degree program in Business and Information Technology Education. She will play an important role with the 30+ workshops held each year by both teaching computer and software skills but also assisting with workshop logistics. Because of the critical need and Mark's early education in theology, he has been encouraged to consider becoming a Bible Translation Consultant. Mark has said yes to this new adventure and will now be spending his time with national translators, helping to insure their work is accurate and clear.

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