

Remers' News

Wade & Joy Remer, serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators



Need a Motor Glider?

We are in the process of facilitating the donation.

We have had a busy winter here in Tucson. The “Gift in Kind” ministry is going great and we have received many donations. It is a blessing to see people donate to Wycliffe by giving their non-cash stuff and having it support Bible Translation.

Every time I get the chance to speak on Wycliffe’s behalf about “Gift in Kind,” people always ask “What is the most unique thing that has been donated?” I have to give them a list of things, because most of them are unique. We recently received two cemetery lots in North Carolina, a 2008 Kubota tractor, and a couple of old 8mm movie cameras. How much more unique can you get?

Out of the Box

Helping a missionary

Recently I received a call from a friend of a friend who wanted to donate a Ford Explorer to a missionary. He did not want to receive a tax receipt, he just wanted to give it to someone that could use it. Usually I try to find a way to put it to use in Wycliffe or I sell it and put the funds in an account for translation work. This was different. I found a missionary who had a real need. James and his family recently came to the Mexico branch of Wycliffe from the Papa New Guinea branch. He came to Tucson with an older Dodge van that had 298,000 miles. Now he has a Ford Explorer with only 113,000 miles and leather seats. I love it when a plan comes together.




Darlyne Block and Grace Townsend
in front of the hand woven rugs.

Rugs for sale

About 27 years ago Joy and I had the chance to go on a week-long mission trip with our church to Annville, Kentucky. At the mission we saw Kentucky mountain women learning the skill of weaving rag rugs while making an income for their families. We really liked that idea, so back in Grand Rapids we bought a loom and started making rugs for sale to support missionaries. A few years later, when we joined Wycliffe we gave the loom to “The Other Way” ministries in Grand Rapids. They used the loom to teach inner-city women the skill of weaving rugs and helped them make some money, too. Several years later “The Other Way” was done using the loom and gave it back to us. We brought it here to Tucson and taught some of our winter volunteers how to weave rugs. They have a great time each winter producing some beautiful rugs. We’ve been selling the rugs and putting the money into the Tarahumara translation fund. Just today we sold one of the rugs to a woman named Grace Townsend. Grace is the daughter of William Townsend, the founder of Wycliffe. Above is a picture of Grace with one of our weavers, Darlyne. We are in Wycliffe because I met Grace’s dad down in Mexico. I had a conversation with him when I went on my first missions trip back in 1975. Wow!!!

(See page two for more on the Tarahumara project.)



Approximately 90,000 Tarahumara live in the rugged Copper Canyon of Northern Mexico. They are world famous as ultra-marathoners, yet their standard of living is at a mere survival level. They eek out a living in these mountains, raising corn, beans and squash. They depend on seasonal rains, and during years of drought they are often hungry. Their health, occupational and educational needs are being addressed by both government and private organizations, to not only help them survive, but to also usher them into the mainstream of national life.

This rug was woven to raise funds for the development of literacy materials, to help train Tarahumara children to read and write in their own language. This native language approach is not only easier for them, but will also contribute to the conservation of their rich cultural heritage, and of their sense of value and esteem for their own unique language.

Thank you for your participation and support in this effort to broaden their horizons through education and through a more complete understanding of the world in which they live. They are very intelligent, and will profit much from your generosity.

Family News:

Josh just got back from visiting Nadji in Bangladesh. He had a great trip. Although it sounds like Bangladesh is not a typical tourist destination, it's an interesting place, none the less. He told us about how the people live and get around. He went with Nadji to the border of India where Nadji did three one day agriculture workshops. He is now back living in the Los Angeles area until July.

Nadji is happy working in Bangladesh teaching agriculture. I think she wishes she could ride a motorcycle there, but the roads are dangerous. It sounds like there are no traffic rules for drivers. There probably are, but if you don't know how the system works, it seems chaotic. She will come home in August for a few weeks and then return to Bangladesh.

Seth is at Kuyper College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He plans to work at a Christian camp in Prescott, Arizona, again this summer.

Prayer requests:

- Home school conventions. This spring and summer we will represent Wycliffe at three conventions.
- WA banquets. Wade will represent GIK at Wycliffe Associate banquets in April and May.
- Cell phone donations. We are receiving more phones every month. Keep them coming!
- New opportunities. We would like to share our work in churches and Sunday school classes.

*Look! They are preparing a great feast. They are spreading **rugs** for people to sit on. Everyone is eating and drinking. But quick! Grab your shields and prepare for battle.*

Isaiah 21:5a NIV

Serving with you in Christ,

Wade & Joy

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