



WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Annual Report from TIM and ALI ROBINSON

For Supporting Constituency and Other Friends
January – December 2012

Vision 2025

By 2025, together with partners worldwide, we aim to see a Bible Translation programme begun in all the remaining languages that need one.

Goals set for 2012

I. Work

Tim

- Complete work on setting up Nigeria group Intranet
- Complete work on the Partnership for Bible Translation and Evangelism in Nigeria (PABTEN) website PABTEN.org
- Complete the handover of the project funding job

Ali

- Co-ordinate updates to the Ethnologue for Nigerian languages
- Compile and enter updates to the Language Strategies Programs database for Nigerian languages
- Manage the Technical Library
- Encourage and train departments in the use of Repository for Electronic Archiving and Publishing (REAP)
- Train as a curator for Nigeria Group entries to REAP

2. Other plans

Looking forward to Ali's parents visiting in May / June.

Work you have done during 2012

Tim

- Launched and Maintained the Nigeria Group Intranet.
- Got more involved in PABTEN which then unfortunately stalled near the end of the year.
- Participated in a working group helping to define Nigeria Group's strategy.
- Organised some cricket matches.
- Completed the receiving of the project funding role.

Ali

- Co-ordinated the update to the Ethnologue for all 500+ Nigerian languages.

- Maintained the Nigeria Group languages database and used it to produce updates to the Language Strategies Programs database for Nigerian languages.
- Worked on developing a new, more robust design for the Nigeria Group languages database.
- Supervised and helped with cataloguing a back-log of books for the Technical Library.
- Trained several members of the Vernacular Media Services Department in the use of the Repository for Electronic Archiving and Publishing (REAP).
- Completed training as a curator for Nigeria Group entries to REAP.
- Covered a Middle-school Science class for a month at Hillcrest School.
- Taught Computer Applications to Grade 9 at Hillcrest School.

Highlights of 2012 include:

A visit from Ali's parents in May/ June was a wonderful highlight of 2012.

Setbacks or disappointments encountered during 2012:

We were sad to hear of the passing of Ali's 97 year old Nana. She was a wonderful Christian lady who had lived a very full life. It was hard on Ali to be unable to go and be with her family during this time.

Tim who has been very excited about the potential of PABTEN found the lack of co-ordination and eventual cancellation of their convention frustrating.

Plans for the coming year (2013)

1. Work

Tim

- Complete the Project funding manual
- Further develop the PABTEN website to include language data and documents (PABTEN.org)
- Help to organise the Nigeria Group 2013 retreat.

Ali

- Complete the new design and build the updated version of the Nigeria Group Languages database
- Become an experienced and competent curator on REAP, and assist all relevant departments to regularly archive their work on REAP
- Sort out a workable solution for archiving Nigeria Group language work independent of REAP
- Continue to maintain the Technical Library
- Teach the Computer Applications course to Grade 9 students at Hillcrest, one course hour daily

2. Other plans

Spend two months in the UK over the Hillcrest summer break to reconnect with supporters, family and friends and to raise the additional support needed

Support Level

After being here for 1 ½ years, we reviewed our ministry budget with more realistic figures. Together with a reduction in donors this means we are now only receiving 70% of our monthly needs. When we are in the UK during June and July 2013, we will be spending time focussing on raising the difference.

Health

Ali's health continues to hold up well, Dan continues to thrive and Tim is discovering how lack of routine has a negative effect on him.

Family situation, including wider family

We are continually thankful for the love, understanding and support of our families. We look forward to seeing them all in the summer when we are in the UK.

Location: Jos, Nigeria

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