

Dear friends,

We wish you a wonderful Christmas season. May Jesus feel closer every day!

#### HERE IS OUR ANNUAL UPDATE:

We are profoundly grateful to God for a deeply meaningful life; we saw God communicating His love around the world and enabling us to have a part. God continues to transform people who engage with the Bible, whatever their culture and circumstances. Your part in all of this has been crucial. "Our" work has actually been a team effort with you and others, including many who are already receiving their rewards in heaven. Thank you for supporting us with your prayers, donations and practical help. Here is a quick summary of the work God directed us to do during our 60 years with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

1. 20+ years with the Bahinemo people in New Guinea. The church there continues to serve Jesus. Our son Jamey uses the profit from his book about that work to train some of their young people as teachers and medical workers.
2. This overlapped with 5 years study and research that Wycliffe assigned us to, which resulted in Wayne's PhD and my MA in cross-cultural communication.
3. 20 years teaching in many other countries, passing on to translators and missionaries what we had discovered about working cross-culturally and encouraging people to engage with the Bible, a process now called Scripture Engagement (SE).
4. This overlapped with 20 years teaching at Dallas International University, DIU (which earlier was named GIAL). The MA program we developed in Scripture engagement is now fully staffed by younger teachers whom we mentored. Former students are now working in many countries, passing our insights on to others.

All of the major Bible translation and distribution agencies have come to recognize that Scripture Engagement is necessary to keep Bibles from sitting on shelves. Missiology, the scientific study of missions and mission methods, now includes the subfield of Scripture Engagement.

Wayne continues to write and present topics in academic conferences. As a professor emeritus at DIU, he can still use the library and all of its internet resources. Wayne is the senior member of a team that teaches SE (Scripture engagement) in an online non-credit missionary training program. He is also working with others on an app to help people discover which strategies will be effective in encouraging Scripture engagement in specific language groups around the world.

Wayne is currently working with others to provide a thoroughly biblical explanation of the gospel that is more challenging and exciting to modern Americans. It was well received by the Evangelical Missiological Society. Next Spring, he is invited to present it at the annual Great Commission Research Network conference in Florida. Let him know if you would like a copy, either PDF or in print form.

During the past 2 years, we have both been slowing down, me (Sally) more than Wayne. We each have a reasonably long list of the ailments of old age. We both visit doctors frequently. We are in a Bible study group that meets weekly where we pray for each other's needs and see God give some amazing answers. Praise God with us. He has given us the health and strength we needed and a comfortable home these past 20 years. A natural park area in back gives us a chance to enjoy the animals and birds that come around while our front door faces a typical middle class suburban street. We are near many miles of walking paths. Our 30-year-old grandson, Matt, chose to live with us and take a local job for the last two years and be nearby to handle chores that have become hard for us. Trey and Sarah bought a home not far from us, so now great granddaughter Janie is lightening up our lives.

We are still able to enjoy life, our friends, and each other. God is good! Thank you again for your partnership. We pray that your next year will be better than you hoped for.

Wayne and Sally Dye

Wycliffe Bible Translators and Dallas International University

#### ABOUT OUR KIDS

For those of you who know our grown children: Edie and husband Rob have moved permanently to Costa Rica, where the cost of living is lower and tropical forests are not far away. They have a nice house with a wonderful view and are making friends. Joy passed away last January after a long and painful illness. James, her husband, is continuing to live in Redding and keeps in contact with us. Tom is in a small town in Oklahoma with his wife Pam. Neither of them is in good health, and unfortunately, there is no sign of abatement of his schizophrenia. We are grateful to Pam and her son, Wade, for continuing to care for him and make his life as comfortable as possible on disability income. Jamey is continuing his work as a civil engineering executive over a team that designs large projects; Cheryl continues to teach junior high with amazing skill. Edie and Jamey have each written several books. See some of their work on Amazon under "Edie Bakker" and Jamey Dye." In addition, Jamey's devotional blogs are increasingly popular. You can find them at <https://lifeontherocklife.wordpress.com/>

#### THE ATTACHED PICTURES:

1. Sally, Wayne, Matt Dye, Trey, Janie and Sarah Tomes
2. Janie Tomes helping mommy make cookies
3. Rob and Edie Bakker in Costa Rica
4. Jamey and Cheryl Dye in California
5. Thayne and Laurel Dye: Laurel became an MD in June
6. Wayne, Sally, Shelley (Dye) Lucido, Elaine (being fostered by Wayne's brother, Gordon Dye, Jamey Dye, Matt Dye, Joe Lucido
7. Wayne and Sally





















