

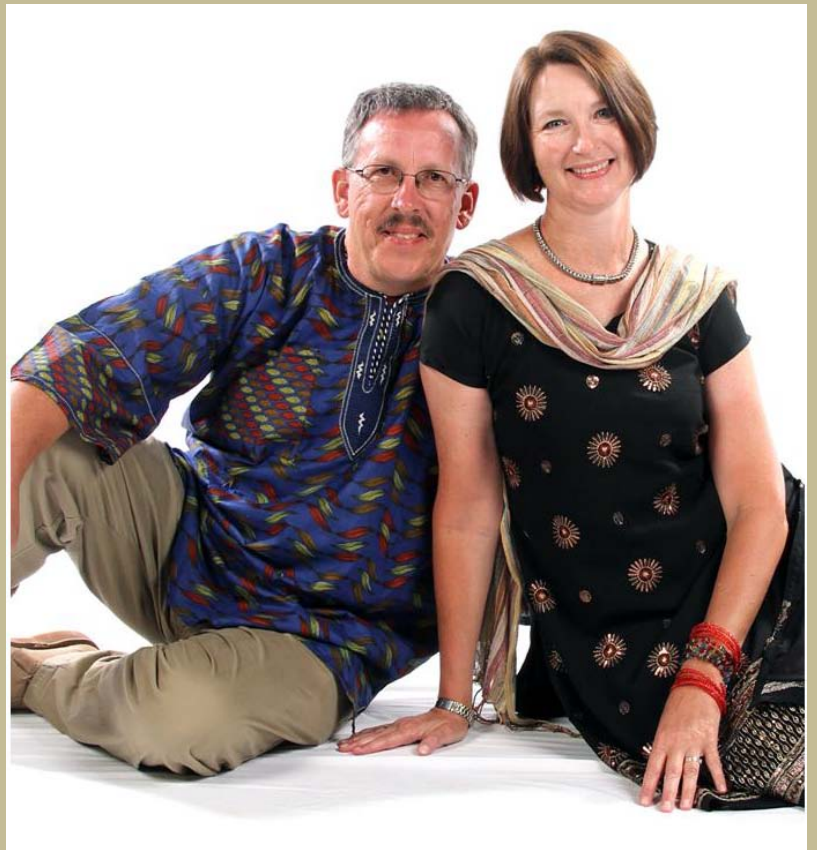
Mark and Sharon Sweeting with Wycliffe Associates

Mark and Sharon are active managing support services to accelerate Bible translation in Africa.

The Sweetings were content spending the last several years involved with the short-term missions program at Crossroads Fellowship, leading teams to Romania and Kenya. However, while preparing to lead a team to Kenya in May of 2010, God called them to go into full time mission work. They said yes and were on the mission field shortly thereafter.

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..



Mark and Sharon spent a year in Nairobi, Kenya at the new Deaf Bible Training and Translation Center, a one of a kind site, where the Bible is being translated into 7 – 10 of the estimated 400 signed languages. Mark was the construction manager for the project and Sharon assisted in the computer department. To God be the glory...this project was recently completed!

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 number 2 in the world) when it comes to Bible translation. The Sweetings have been asked to spearhead WA's new partnership with a national translation organization. The Nigeria Bible Translation Trust is currently managing 80 different translation projects and will add 10-20 more each year. The Sweetings will be assessing areas where WA can partner and provide resources, programs, personnel and funding. They will then manage those resources as they are implemented.

Mark and Sharon are part of the "empty nest" missionaries, having four grown children and four grandchildren (one more on the way).

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