

# Wycliffe Associates

EVERY VERSE. EVERY TONGUE. EVERY TASK.

## 2006 Annual Report



Millions of People Are Looking For God  
But Can't Find Him.

# A Message from the President/CEO

Dear Friend,

Every time people hear God's Word in a language that speaks straight to their hearts—

Every time a new translation of the Bible is dedicated to God's glory—

**Those are moments to celebrate.**

And they're moments made possible through Wycliffe Associates and by our supporters—strong Christians just like you who believe that *every person* in *every part of the world* should have *every verse* of God's Word in their own language.

Wycliffe Associates is working toward that goal. It's called Vision 2025, and we believe that it is God's will to have started a Bible translation in every language that needs one by the year 2025.

It's a hefty goal. Right now, hundreds of millions of people around the world don't know that God wants to speak directly to them . . . love them . . . transform them.

**And many of them won't hear that truth in the next 18 years unless people like you step in to help.**

Translators are working as diligently and as quickly as they can, but translations are getting harder. Most of the "easy" translations have already been started, or even finished—those languages very similar to already-completed translations, or people groups in easily-accessible areas. Today, translators are tackling more and more difficult translations.

**They need the freedom to focus on translation**—just getting God's Word into the hands of people who desperately need it. However, translators are using *their* hands for too many projects *besides* translation: building schools, repairing roofs, installing computers, fixing airplanes . . .

**And this is where Wycliffe Associates lends a hand.**

Take a look at the *2006 Ministry Highlights*, and you'll see all the ways Wycliffe Associates partners impacted so many lives—with the power and truth of the gospel. By doing "practical" tasks for the translators—by serving them—Wycliffe Associates volunteers help them do their job better.

**Wycliffe Associates is accelerating Bible translation.**

But to meet Vision 2025, we know that we have to step up our involvement. In fact, we need to quadruple our involvement. We need **5,000 volunteers per year** out working in the field, alongside the translators, as we *all* work towards advancing God's kingdom.

This is a faith-stretching goal—5,000 volunteers every year. But it's certainly not an impossible goal.

I'd like you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to be involved. **How does He want to use you to bring Bibleless people closer to His heart?**

Until the task is done,



Bruce Smith  
President/CEO

# 2006 Ministry Highlights

## Orlando Volunteer Mobilization Center

Construction on the Volunteer Mobilization Center (VMC) building in Orlando is nearly complete! In 2007 when the interior is finished, the VMC will be an outstanding hub for recruiting, training, and sending out the volunteers whose work is so vital to Bible translators overseas.

## A New Initiative in PNG

In Papua New Guinea (PNG), nationals who help with Bible translation live in homes badly damaged by extreme weather conditions—it rains four months out of the year there! But Wycliffe Associates' volunteers started renovating these dilapidated homes in 2006 . . . a true blessing for these dedicated families.

Also, a new initiative called *Serve In PNG* will soon enable Wycliffe Associates volunteers to actually participate in Bible translation activities there! Brian Hodgkin, former director of the PNG Translation Branch, wrote earlier this year to say, **“Without [Wycliffe Associates], I doubt that New Testament number 157 would be dedicated tomorrow, and we certainly would not be involved in all of the 200 language groups we currently have partnerships with. Please pass on my thanks to your staff and those helping to support Bible translation through Wycliffe Associates.”**

## Opening Doors to the Gospel

The people of Central Asia have suffered terribly in recent years from earthquakes. They've lost their homes. They've lost loved ones. They've lost hope. Last year, we were able to train craftsmen from several villages in building techniques that will make homes in this region safer and more durable. What a demonstration of practical caring! And it is already opening doors to Bible translation opportunities in a region that's traditionally closed to Christianity.

## 2006 Ministry Highlights (cont.)



### Back in the Air in PNG

Airplanes are vital to Bible translators in PNG, where the rough and mountainous terrain makes “normal” travel nearly impossible. For some translators, it’s the only way to get to their village. So when lightning struck a King Air plane in early 2006—crippling it—we knew we had to get that plane flying again *fast*. Thanks to generous support from so many people, the King Air has a new engine . . . and it’s back serving translators!



### Building Roofs—and Relationships—in Southeast Asia

In May 2006, a severe earthquake claimed lives and damaged buildings in a country in Southeast Asia. Hard-hit was a Christian university, and our national translation partner in this country offered to help with the rebuilding. The university students represent hundreds of potential national translators who could work all over this vital region of Southeast Asia. Thanks to the Wycliffe Associates family, we were able to provide rebuilding supplies that also helped build relationships with the university that will reap eternal benefits.

### Projects Funded in 2006

In 2006, Wycliffe Associates donors helped raise funds for the following projects to advance Bible translation:

<b>Guinea-Bissau:</b>	Lendem Translation Center
<b>Mexico:</b>	Oaxaca National Bible Translation Center; Mitla Center expansion
<b>PNG:</b>	National Training Center; National staff housing renovation
<b>Latin America:</b>	Sign language recording/film studios
<b>Mecado*:</b>	Bible Translation Training and Work Center
<b>Kenya:</b>	Bible Translation and Literacy multi-purpose building
<b>Cameroon:</b>	Rain Forest International School
<b>Thailand:</b>	Grace International School

\* Pseudo-name used for security reasons.

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Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2006

## Supplemental Schedule of Revenue and Expense

### Where Our Support Comes From

	All Contributed Services	Only SFAS 116 Defined
Individual support contributions	\$ 10,402,791	\$ 10,402,791
Contributed services that meet SFAS No. 116 criteria	700,329	700,329
Contributed services that don't meet SFAS No. 116 criteria	5,450,000	—
Interest and other revenue	<u>176,156</u>	<u>176,156</u>
<b>Total Contributions and Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 16,729,276</b>	<b>\$ 11,279,276</b>

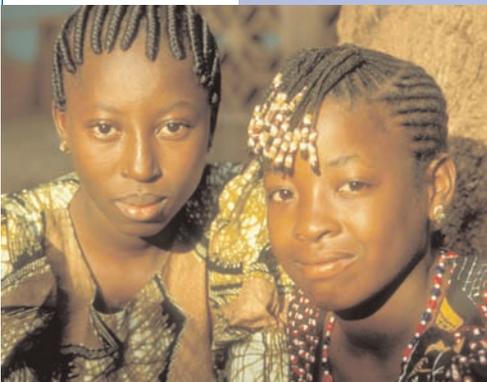
### Where Your Support Goes

	All Contributed Services	Only SFAS 116 Defined
Bible translation ministry programs	\$ 11,370,479	\$ 6,334,479
Supporting services:		
Fundraising—contributions	2,512,494	2,462,494
Fundraising—recruiting volunteers and contributed services	1,372,077	1,142,077
Management and general	<u>1,271,382</u>	<u>1,137,382</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 16,526,432</b>	<b>\$ 11,076,432</b>
<b>Net Increase</b>	<b>\$ <u>202,844</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>202,844</u></b>

Note: Wycliffe Associates recruits volunteer labor/professional services for construction and other ministries worldwide. Contributed services are recognized as contributions in accordance with SFAS Number 116, "Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made," if the services (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by our ministry.

In addition to these contributed services, many other individuals routinely provide voluntary services to the ministries of Wycliffe Associates. These services have a significant impact on making the ministry effective. However, these services do not meet the SFAS Number 116 criteria described above. The above schedule shows revenues and expenses with these services included.

The costs associated with recruiting volunteers are reported as a "Fundraising—recruiting volunteers and contributed services" expense.



## Our Financial Position

Summary Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Fiscal Year 2006

### Assets:

Current Assets	\$ 2,239,073
Fixed Assets	424,634
Other Assets	191,434
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,855,141</b>

### Liabilities and Non-Current Liabilities:

Current Liabilities	\$ 483,872
Other Liabilities	6,206
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 490,078</b>

### Net Assets:

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 1,035,072
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	1,329,991
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,365,063</b>

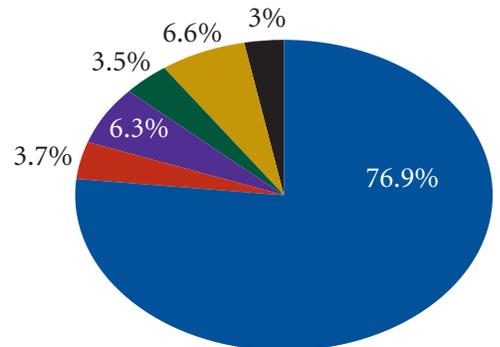
**Total Liabilities and  
Net Assets**

**\$ 2,855,141**

## Where You Help Us Serve

Number of Volunteers in Fiscal Year 2006

■ North America:	1,049
■ Latin America:	51
■ The Pacific:	86
■ Asia:	48
■ Africa:	90
■ Eurasia:	41



Complete audited statements as audited by Capin Crouse, LLP are available upon request.

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