

# *The Heart of Missions:*

## *First Presbyterian Church of Champaign's Missions Magazine*

### **August Missions Events and Meetings**

*Sundays: English as a Second Language Bible Study*

10:30am in Room 204

*Mondays-Thursdays: English as a Second Language Classes*

9-11am on Second Floor of Education Building **until**

**August 11th. ESL will be on a break the rest of August and will reopen September 6.**

*August 9: Mission Team*

Noon in Westminster Hall

*August 15: World Mission*

5:30pm in Westminster Hall

*August 25: Cuba Steering Committee*

5:30pm in the Parlor

*Community Mission Deacons*

Will not meet in August

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# Update on Pastoral Institutes in Congo

By Kristi Rice, Mission Co-Worker in the DRC

In 2013, the pastoral institute in Mutoto started training their students in carpentry, sewing, and agriculture/animal husbandry. They did not have much equipment or facilities, but started by just using the knowledge they had and the tools they could borrow. Thanks to the generous contribution from the Raindrop project of FPC Champaign, they received funds in 2014 to buy equipment, including sewing machines, material, carpentry tools, agricultural tools, and some livestock. These tools and equipment have significantly improved the quality of the training the students receive, and also increased the number of students who could be trained.



The exterior of the old building. Nearly 100 years old and structurally unsound.



The interior of the previous building. It was unable to be renovated due to the terrible condition.

The number of students at Mutoto has increased since 2014, as prospective students realize that they could perhaps survive as a pastor if they also had a trade that could earn them income in addition to the salary from a small rural church.



The new building for the Pastoral Institutes, completed in 2015.

The success at Mutoto and the vision of adding vocational skills training **has also inspired and influenced the other two rural pastoral institutes, Bulape and Mwene Ditu.** They have been encouraged to assess the skills that would be best to teach in their contexts and the materials and expertise that they have in their midst so that vocational skills training could be added to

the curriculum.

A new building was built in 2015 for the pastoral institute at Mutoto. The Booth foundation donated funds for a building that would have classrooms and also a



Students and teachers at the Pastoral Institute.

workshop for sewing classes. Carpentry classes would continue to be held in a shelter outside. This new building allows the school to continue to hold classes even when it is raining, since they do not have to worry about the roof leaking or falling down on them. Students

feel proud of the education they are receiving now, and feel that they are being empowered well to serve the church.





**These women and their fellow residents will continue to be empowered to be self-sufficient because of your gifts to this year's Raindrop Project.**

The 2016 Raindrop Project supporting microfinance in Indonesia has raised **\$2,277.00**.

The program being supported is associated with Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta, one of our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers this church regularly supports.

The goal for this year was \$4,000. If you would still like to donate, but have been unable to do so, you can still donate this first week in August. Just make sure to put "Raindrop Project 2016" in the memo of your check.

**Thank you for  
your support!**



## Do you remember what you were doing 15 years ago?

We do! That's when the Schneiders officially joined Wycliffe USA that month as "members in training," began raising financial support, attended a two week training camp in California, and then in January 2002, with our support quota met, Tom began his assignment as Deputy General Counsel at Wycliffe's USA Mobilization Center in Orlando. Dave, who is now living in Jacksonville, Florida, working for UPS, was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Ellen, who just accepted a marketing position with Audi and is relocating to Alpharetta, Georgia, was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

**Our primary reason for writing to you today is to let you know that effective October 1, 2016, Tom and Nancy will no longer be members of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Tom has accepted a position with Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity as the Special Advisor to the CEO, which means a move to Indianapolis, Indiana.**

We remain committed to seeing Wycliffe's Vision 2025 fulfilled – *starting a translation project in the remaining language communities still needing portions of Scripture by the year 2025*. The divisive atmosphere of our country is reflective of the greater global need for God's unwavering truth and message of grace found in Jesus Christ.



Many of you will recall that Tom has worked for ATO twice before—the first time as a Chapter Service Consultant 1982-84, and the second time as Assistant Executive Director and later Executive Director 1989-1994 when the headquarters was in Champaign, IL. In fact, it was through Tom's involvement in ATO and Nancy's involvement in Delta Gamma in 1983-84 that we met, began dating, and married 32 years ago!

You may also recall that a year ago, Bob Creson (Wycliffe USA's President) became the 217,000<sup>th</sup> initiate of ATO at the Fraternity's sesquicentennial celebration in Indianapolis. Tom played a role in facilitating Bob's joining, and since then ATO and Wycliffe USA have continued to develop a good relationship through the efforts of Tom and Bob, and our longtime friend ATO CEO Wynn Smiley.

Plans are underway at Wycliffe to determine how to best continue to build on the foundation created by Tom and his team in Community and Government Relations. Details will be known in the weeks ahead. **We would sure appreciate your continued giving to Wycliffe on behalf of our ministry through September to enable us to make a smooth transition.** Tom's work in the actual office will wrap up in August, though he will ensure fulfillment of community commitments through September and remain available to Wycliffe's leadership for counsel.

Final plans for our relocation to Indianapolis are underway. This has been a whirlwind for us yet we can clearly see how we've been prepared for this next chapter.

In the few, spare moments of the last week, we've been fairly reflective of how God has provided and guided us in the past 15 years. You have been his hands and feet. Your steadfast support and encouragement were divine touches in our lives and in the lives of Wycliffe translation teams and national partners. Since we started, more than 1,000 language projects have started in minority communities around the globe. You will always be part of our hearts and remembered for your generosity and kindness.

**Join us on the other side as we say 'thank you' for making a commitment to Bible translation through the Schneiders for the past 15 years!**

THANKS SO MUCH, FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN FRIENDS +  
BROTHERS + SISTERS IN CHRIST!  
Tom + Nancy

We'd love to stay in touch! Please email  
Tom at his work address –  
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August reach us both –  
tandnschneider@gmail.com.



THANK YOU in welcoming us into your local churches to share about Bible translation!



THANK YOU for staying engaged! The first several years of our newsletters came under the banner "Joy in the Journey," and then YOU helped us launch "Schneider Insider."



THANK YOU for investing in Nancy's work in Prayer Ministries. Advancements were made in key engagement programs. During her term on the senior leadership team, she also coordinated the weekly staff meeting, "EnterMission" and helped design the bi-annual Scripture Celebrations.



THANK YOU for sending Tom to the Nation's Capital over the years. Through Tom, you delivered Bibles to newly elected Senators in Congress!



THANK YOU for responding to special requests over the years. You provided gifts for "Christmas in July" for translator's families attending training in Orlando; door prizes for the organization's leadership conference; extra snacks for children who were evacuated from troubled spots around the world; and much more!

**FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:** Wycliffe Bible Translators, PO Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200 ("For the ministry of Tom and Nancy Schneider") or visit <https://www.wycliffe.org/partner/FA2357>.



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19th Annual S.A.F.E. House Fundraiser  
AUGUST 28, 2016  
FROM 3:00 pm-7:00 pm  
in the beautiful Hessel Park of  
Champaign, Illinois.

From PC(USA) Headquarters:

If anyone in our congregation has housing available for a month or more at low or no cost that can be used to host a Mission Co-Worker visiting the U.S., please contact Anne Blair at 800-728-7228 extension 5272. She may also be contacted via email at [anne.blair@pcusa.org](mailto:anne.blair@pcusa.org)



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### In Missions?

There are several opportunities to serve the PC(USA) in Missions. Go to [onedoor.pcusa.org](http://onedoor.pcusa.org) for details for volunteer and staff positions.



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