

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Dan and Mary Neville

Dan and Mary have family ties to Grace Chapel. Some of the Grace Chapel founders also taught Dan in Sunday School as a child. Dan went on to Moody Bible Institute where he graduated with a Bachelors degree in Missionary Aviation Technology. While in school at MBI he met and married his wife Mary who has a teaching degree from Central Michigan.

Dan and Mary joined Wycliffe in 1993 to fill a critical need in the Philippines as the Manager of Center Maintenance and then Administrator for the entire center until 2003. In 2004, Wycliffe asked them to assume oversight all of the recruitment and recruiters for the Northeast United States, from Maine to the Carolinas and as far west as Ohio, and then IT Support for the Wycliffe Northeast office.



In today's technological world, Wycliffe wants to provide access for even minority language groups to read God's Word in their language. More and more people are doing this via smart phones and tablets. In 2016 Dan accepted the role of Implementation Manager with Kalaam Media (still 100% Wycliffe missionaries), of teaching nationals to build websites in their own language during two-week on-sight workshops. The goal is to provide them a way to put scripture in their language online for easy access. When not actually leading/preparing or recovering from a workshop we continue to oversee the websites remotely. Technically, we are supposed to review every website once every six months. The reality is we're growing so fast and learning new things so quickly that this cannot always be done.

This past year Dan was part of workshops in Moscow, Cameroon, and India. This resulted in more than 35 new websites where scripture can be made available to each of those language teams.

The first trip in 2017 is to Thailand. That workshop is schedule for February. This is the first workshop where Dan be the lead presenter/planner/and one to follow-up on all the details such as billing and finances with the hosts. Some of these duties will not be concluded until a few weeks after the workshop is over.

The next scheduled travel is set for April and is to Germany. Beyond that he have not been given any directions. However, there are plans for at least 17 workshops during the fiscal year – which ends September 30th, so he expects at least two more trips to take part in workshops.

One of the other things Dan has been tasked to do is learning to build apps for making the scriptures from websites available so that an Internet connection is not needed. This allows scriptures to be available offline on computers, cell phones and tablets. We're constantly learning new and different and hopefully

better or additional features to add, like including the audible version – when/if available. In the case where audio is available, the verse being heard is highlighted as it's being read – making the Bible a primer for literacy purposes too.

Dan is excited to see how the Lord will direct this year and look forward to being part of whatever He leads him to do. Please be in prayer for the Thailand workshop; that God will help us successfully launch websites for each team that will attend.

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