



Legacy

Building a Lasting Treasury

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FOLLOWING THE GREAT COMMISSION

By Angela Nelson

Robert Baldwin spent the first years of his life in places that had little access to the Gospel. He was born in Panama in 1915, while his father was working as an engineer on the Panama Canal. The family later moved to the Andes Mountains of Chile, then back to the United States, where his dad helped build oil refineries.


When Robert grew older, he studied engineering like his father, married, and started his career. In the late 1940s, he and his wife Marilyn were living in Eastern Pennsylvania, attending a small country church. Their pastor often preached on the Great Commission, and it's stuck with him ever since. "In those days we had itinerate missionaries in Presbytery all the time. My dear wife would say, 'Come and have dinner with us. Come and stay at our house.' So we got to know quite a few missionaries, and we got interested in a whole lot of things going on in the world."

In 1997, Robert established his first charitable gift annuity (CGA) with an organization he had gotten to know in Cleveland, Ohio.

"I was almost 90, and the rate for two in your 90s is about 9 percent, whereas the stocks and bonds I had were only 2, 3, or 4 percent. So I started looking at the agencies. The ones that were most interested in the Great Commission—those were the ones I thought were best to invest in . . . people like Wycliffe, or Missionary Aviation Fellowship, or The JESUS Film Project."

Since then Robert has transferred many of his stocks and bonds into nine CGAs. As a result he has translated these non-cash assets into increased income, a significant income-tax deduction, and Kingdom impact. He recently used appreciated stock to fund such a gift to Wycliffe.

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After a lifetime of giving and investing in missions, Robert's legacy will continue to impact the two things he appreciates most about being a Christian—the Great Commission and love. “Jesus said love your neighbor as yourself, and He did this. Everything He did was love, and I think that is missions,” Robert explained. “Mission agencies that emphasize the Great Commission—getting the Word out to the world, and offering it in such a way that love is apparent in everything you say and do . . . These are the things that are in my heart and soul.”

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

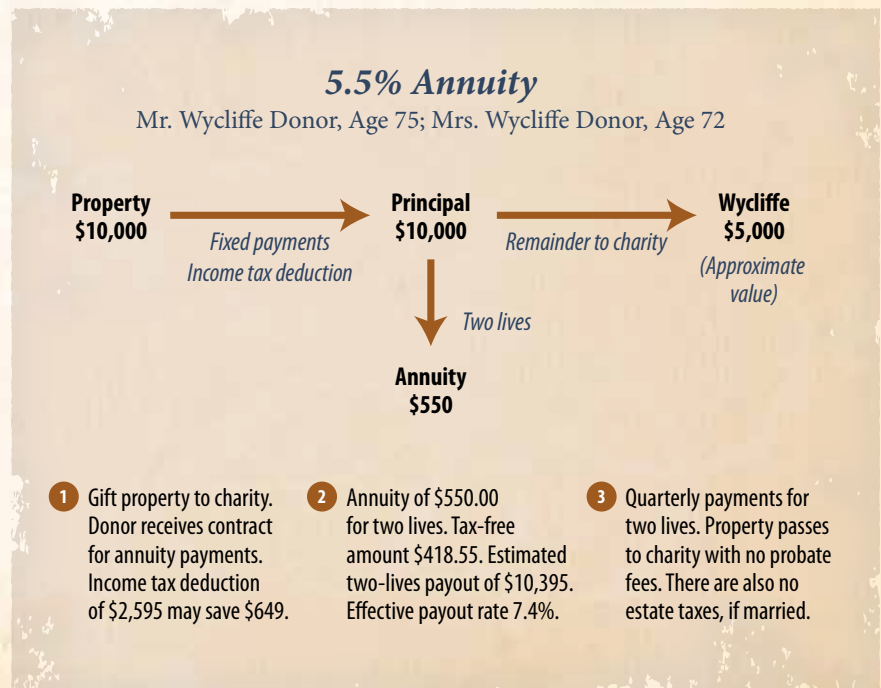
Change Low-Interest Assets to High-Interest Ones

With interest rates at historic lows, even many CDs and securities are generating little income.

But there is good news!

You can turn these low-interest assets into high-interest, high-impact assets by establishing a charitable gift annuity (CGA).

A CGA is an agreement between you and Wycliffe Foundation. In exchange for your gift of an asset valued at \$10,000 or more, we will provide you with lifetime income, a charitable tax deduction, and the opportunity to impact the work of Bible translation. Here is a diagram showing how a CGA works:



Benefits of a Charitable Gift Annuity

- ✧ Ensure lifetime income for one or two people
- ✧ Reduce capital gains on appreciated assets
- ✧ Impact Bible translation and help change lives for eternity
- ✧ Receive a current-tax-year charitable deduction
- ✧ Benefit from partial tax-free income
- ✧ Provide income for elderly parents or other loved ones
- ✧ Enjoy peace of mind for you and your loved ones

For more information and a personalized illustration, contact Wycliffe Foundation toll-free at 877-493-3600 or www.wycliffefoundation.org.



CAPTURING A FRESH VISION OF LEGACY

By Steph Clark

The Huallaga Quechua people of Peru just dedicated and distributed the entire Bible in their language—the fulfillment of forty years of translation work.

At the Scripture celebration, I watched a young girl step onto the stage carrying a Huallaga Bible on a pillow—like a ring bearer at a wedding. The leader announced, “The time has come!” and people moved into lines at the tables where the Bibles were to be uncovered. An elder led in the dedication prayer as I sensed God move on these people.

I stood behind the tables and laid my hands on the boxes. Through tears, God reminded me of Paul’s instruction to Timothy: “You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others” (II Timothy 2:2, NLT). I asked God to bring men who would pass this treasure on to others, so that it would impact the next generations of Huallaga.

Soon an older Quechuan man stood before me with his family. In his hand was a small receipt with the number four written on it. We reached into the boxes and drew out four Huallaga Bibles. He clutched them to his chest as a prized possession. A missionary nearby asked him why he had purchased four. As he handed one to his son, he explained that the other two were for his neighbors. When asked if he could read it, he responded, “No, but I am learning how ... and so is my family.” And with that he disappeared into the crowd.

Tears came to my eyes as I prayed for God’s blessing on this man. This is the true legacy of translation—to pass God’s Words on to “trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.”

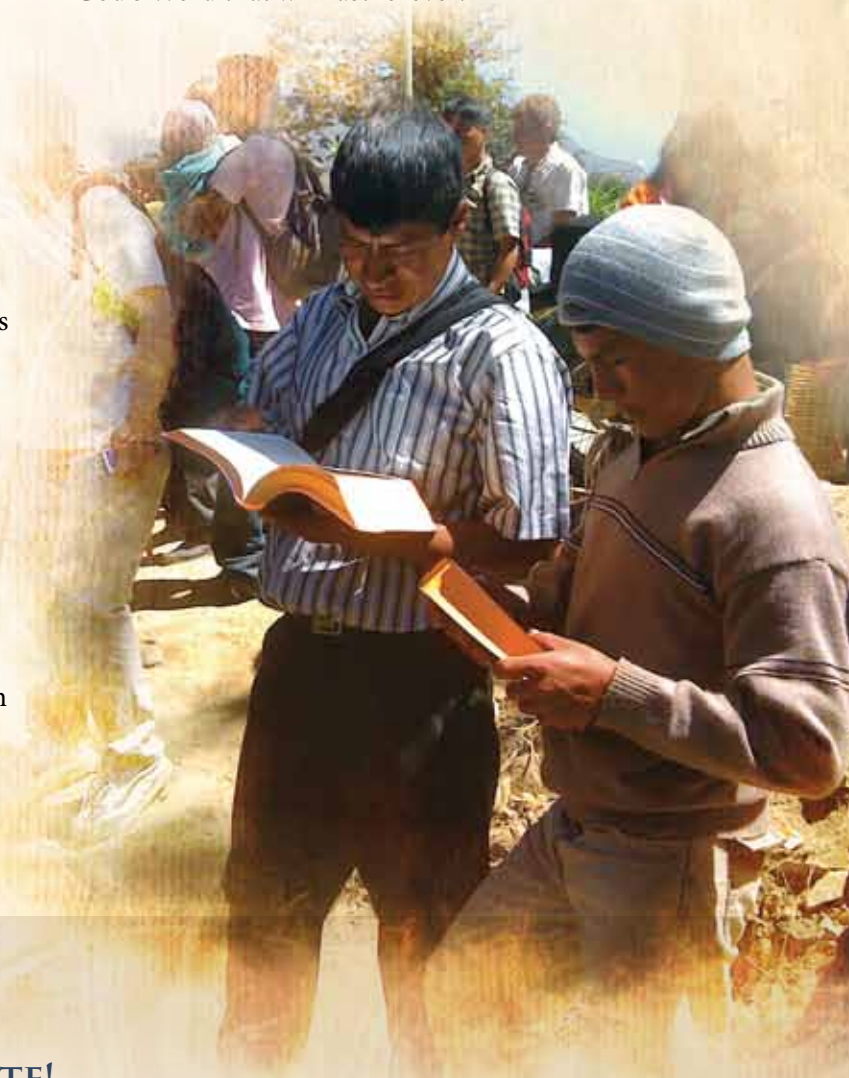
Your legacy gift planning can aid the completion of Bible translation projects just like this one, leaving a legacy of God’s Word that will last forever!

At a Glance

NEW WYCLIFFE FOUNDATION WEBSITE!

Our new services can help you use your God-given assets to impact His Kingdom.

- ✦ Stories of Impact—how Bible translation touches lives, including financial partners like you
- ✦ My Legacy Planner—an interactive tool to help you create a personalized legacy plan
- ✦ Legacy Society—benefits and special event opportunities for members
- ✦ Missionary Support Plan—a way to continue a missionary’s support even after your lifetime



NEARING THE FINISH LINE

In reading Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, I've noticed that wisdom encourages us to focus on eternity. The more we see things from God's perspective, the more likely we are to strive for a godly legacy.

It's this desire to leave a legacy that drives me to support Bible translation. As a result, I'm here to help God's stewards make wise use of their God-given assets to impact His kingdom through creative gift planning. I trust that will be my legacy as I cross the finish line into eternity.

As you reflect upon the significance or meaning of your life, what will your legacy be? Will it be as Solomon said, "I came to hate all my hard work here on earth, for I must leave to others everything I have earned. And who can tell whether my successors will be wise or foolish? Yet they will control everything I have gained by my skill and hard

work under the sun. How meaningless" (Ecclesiastes 2:18-19, NLT). Or will it include eternal impact as you store up treasures in Heaven?

In order to help you assess the impact of your legacy, I invite you to use our newest tool, called "My Legacy Planner." This will help you take the first step in evaluating the wise use of what God has entrusted to you. Visit www.wycliffefoundation.org/MLP to create your personal legacy plan. As always, we are here to serve you and help you discover God's plan of stewardship for what He's entrusted to you.

Your servant and His,

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