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strategic partners. Since then, they have taken their two young sons to observe translation projects in Nepal and East Asia. Last fall, they visited Ethiopia. There, they watched a translation team wrestle with a passage in 1 Timothy about purity among believers—a message particularly relevant in Ethiopia, where sexually transmitted diseases are widespread.

“It was a good reminder of the power Scripture has to transform a culture, nation, or continent,” Todd said.

Several years ago, Todd and Angela discovered the benefits of a donor-advised fund. Since then, they have contributed two primary assets to the fund: a percentage of an S-corporation and a percentage of a business partnership. The donor-advised fund allowed them to contribute these assets immediately and decide later where to distribute the gifts.

It also resulted in tax savings, reduced paperwork, and an opportunity to share their values with their sons. “For us, it is important that our kids not only develop in their faith, but also their generosity,” Todd said. “As my boys grow up, they will have an increasingly large influence on where those grants are made.”

Through a donor-advised fund, Todd is furthering the legacy his parents began and making a significant impact on The Seed Company’s work in Bible translation.

PLANNING AHEAD, GIVING LATER

By Stephen Clark, Gift Planning Advisor

My phone rang, and I heard the voice of Susan*, a friend and financial partner of our ministry. Susan was usually cheery, but this time her tone was urgent.

Susan’s tax preparer said she needed to adjust her giving or investing by the end of the year to avoid additional income taxes. She needed to act fast—it was December 15, and she was about to leave town with her husband for the holidays.

I told Susan about a donor-advised fund, which would allow her to contribute assets immediately and distribute them to a number of ministries later, when it was convenient. In the meantime, she would receive her current-year tax deduction and avoid capital-gain taxes on the liquidation of her appreciated stock. After our call, Susan completed the application for the donor-advised fund and signed the documents. Everything was done within seventy-two hours.

Since then, Susan and her husband have made annual gifts to their donor-advised fund and used regular distributions from that fund to support ministries they care about. They now involve their children as well.

Like Susan, you can make a gift today that will enable you and your loved ones to give in the future.

A donor-advised fund...

- ✦ *Can be completed quickly and efficiently, with no start-up costs.*
- ✦ *Allows you to maximize your tax savings and offset your current income by permitting you to claim a deduction for the fair market value of your gift.*
- ✦ *May be named as a testamentary beneficiary of your tax-deferred assets, eliminating some tax liability.*
- ✦ *Allows you to make subsequent recommendations for meeting philanthropic needs as they arise.*
- ✦ *Can create a legacy by allowing you to name your children as successor advisors.*

A donor-advised fund helped Susan and her husband model generosity for their children and maximize their giving. To discover whether a donor-advised fund can help you accomplish your stewardship goals, contact Wycliffe Foundation toll-free at 877-493-3600.

**This is not her real name, although her story is true.*

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

By Mike Toupin

Recently I visited a translation team in Kenya. Although a number of people were inside the office, no one spoke—and no one needed to. These translators were working in Kenyan Sign Language (KSL), used by members of Kenya’s Deaf community.

Kenya is just one place where The Seed Company, one of Wycliffe’s primary partners, works with local believers to create access to God’s Word in signed languages. This access is vital for Deaf Kenyans, many of whom cannot understand the language used by the hearing population around them.

Many Kenyans consider their Deaf relatives cursed because people born Deaf have few educational and job opportunities. As a result, they often become dependent on others and fall victim to abuse. Making the situation worse, hearing family members typically do not learn the signed language, isolating their Deaf loved ones from meaningful communication and loving acceptance. In response, the Deaf develop a cloud of misunderstandings about God and His promises.

The teams I visited were tearing down these barriers of confusion and despair by translating God’s Word into KSL, creating DVDs that are easily accessible to the Deaf.

I watched as five of them practiced for the DVD recording. Speaking with their fingers, hands, and arms, and



listening with their eyes, the team concentrated intently. Passion filled the eyes of one as his face clouded with sorrow at a poignant verse. Another glowed with joy as her arms formed large circles in the air.

Since my visit, the team has finished thirty-three Bible stories, and they are working on more. The translated Scripture has swept over Kenya’s Deaf community, bringing many to Christ. The Seed Company plays a critical role in reaching Deaf men, women, and children with God’s Word, and we praise God for the partners who make this possible.

Mike Toupin is the vice president of development for The Seed Company. This article is adapted from its original publication on The Seed Company’s blog (blog.theseedcompany.org).

At a Glance

DONOR-ADVISED FUND

A donor-advised fund simplifies the giving process, allowing you to contribute assets and then distribute funds at your convenience. You can establish a donor-advised fund using cash or a variety of non-cash assets. Unlike a private or family foundation, establishing a donor-advised fund does not require legal counsel. It also eliminates extensive record keeping and tax-returns.

How it works:

- ✦ Make an irrevocable, tax-deductible transfer of assets of at least \$50,000 in value to Wycliffe Foundation.
- ✦ Wycliffe Foundation liquidates the assets and invests the proceeds.
- ✦ You advise Wycliffe Foundation on which organizations will receive grants.
- ✦ Wycliffe Foundation completes due diligence and disperses the funds.
- ✦ You can name a successor advisor to make recommendations after your lifetime.

THE JOY OF STEWARDSHIP

Many people think of stewardship as a chore. Often this is because they associate stewardship with giving and the time it takes to research organizations and write the checks. It becomes more of a duty than a privilege.

Those of us who feel this way about stewardship may identify with David, who asked the Lord in Psalm 51 to restore the joy of his salvation. David had lost his joy for many reasons, including poor stewardship of his time and resources. Like David, many of us have lost the joy that comes from using what God has entrusted to us to advance His kingdom. When the Bible speaks of this joy, it uses words such as *gladness, liberality, pleasure, cheerfulness, and satisfaction.*

Recently I met four businessmen who reflect this biblical attitude. For them, exercising stewardship is an overwhelmingly positive, joyous experience. I saw this joy on their faces, heard it in their voices, and witnessed it in their actions. In fact, they were looking for ways to increase their joy by giving more!

This experience encouraged me, and I suggested to each individual that they create a donor-advised fund. You, too, can use this tool to increase your joy in stewardship, particularly in the following areas.

First, a donor-advised fund allows you to use non-cash assets such as real estate, business interests, and securities to impact God's kingdom. As a result, you can enlarge your giving capacity. The donor-advised fund also helps you streamline your giving, reducing the documentation involved in making a number of individual gifts.

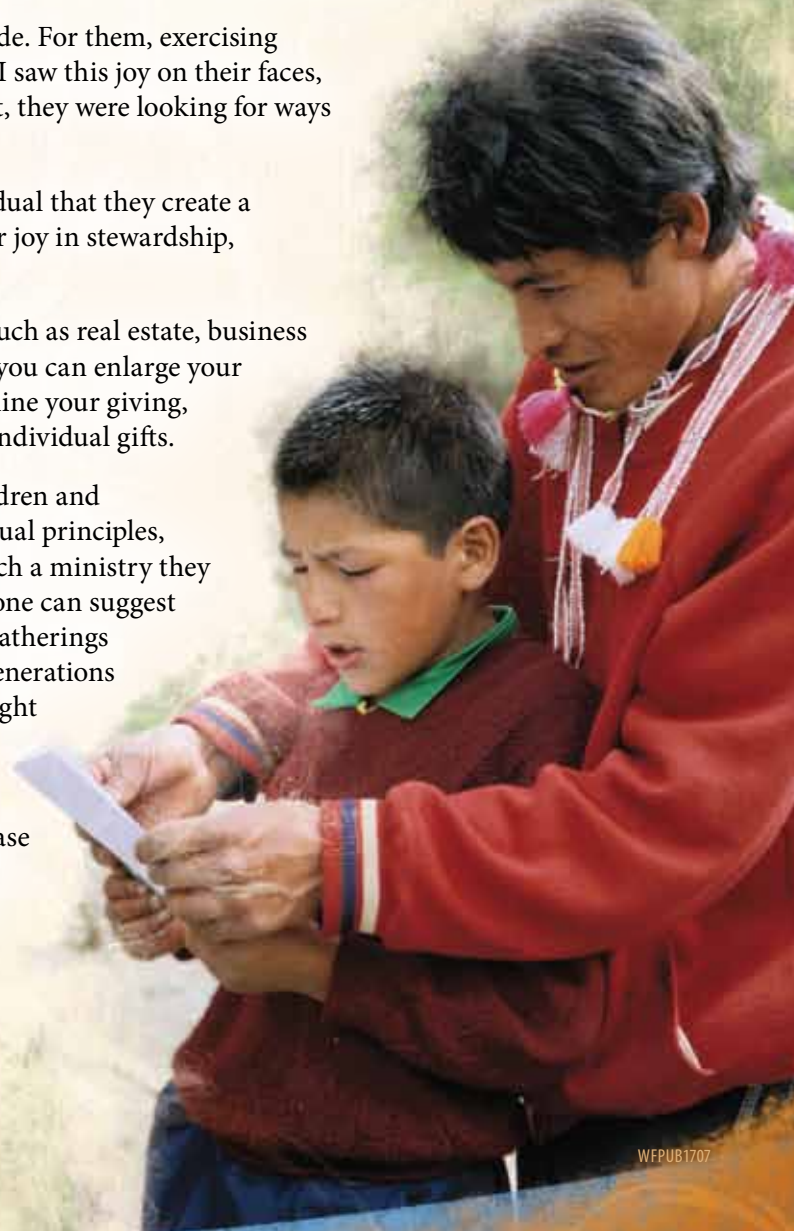
Second, you can use the donor-advised fund to teach your children and grandchildren about generosity while passing along your spiritual principles, values, and goals. You will allow each family member to research a ministry they would like to impact. Then, during an annual gathering, everyone can suggest where they would like a portion of the fund to be used. These gatherings draw families together, and they can help you prepare future generations for what God will entrust to them, including resources they might inherit from you.

How joyful are you and your family when it comes to stewardship? Whatever the answer is, you may be able to increase your joy through a donor-advised fund. For more information, read this issue of *Legacy*, contact Wycliffe Foundation toll-free at 877-493-3600, or visit www.wycliffefoundation.org.

Your servant and His,

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A HERITAGE OF FAITHFULNESS

By Mary Tindall

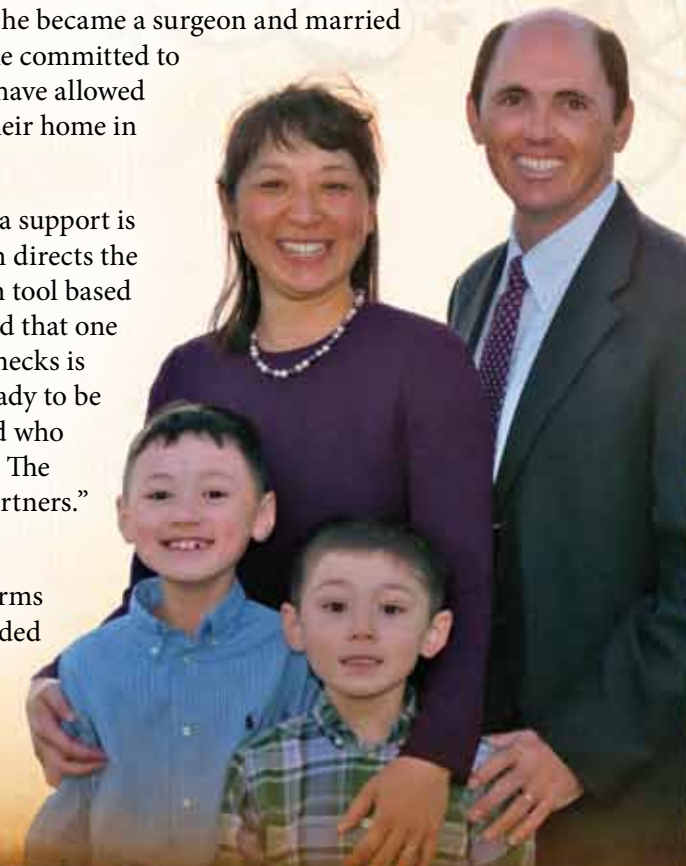
Throughout his childhood, Todd Moore watched his parents make sacrifices to help others. He even went to Ecuador, Mexico, and Haiti with his father, an optometrist who volunteered his time at eye clinics.

This upbringing sparked Todd's interest in missions. Yet God led Todd to stay in the United States, where he became a surgeon and married Angela, a dermatologist. The couple committed to conservative financial values that have allowed them to invest in missions from their home in Arlington, Texas.

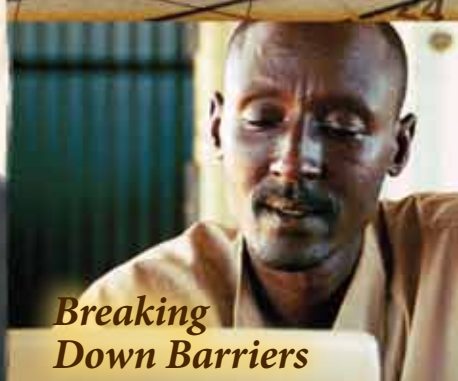
One organization Todd and Angela support is Campus Crusade for Christ, which directs the JESUS Film Project, an evangelism tool based on the Gospel of Luke. "We learned that one of the 'JESUS' film's biggest bottlenecks is getting the translations of Luke ready to be dubbed," Todd recalled. "We asked who does the translation, and they said The Seed Company is one of the big partners."

Realizing that Bible translation provides a foundation for many forms of ministry, Todd and Angela decided to invest in the work of The Seed Company, one of Wycliffe's

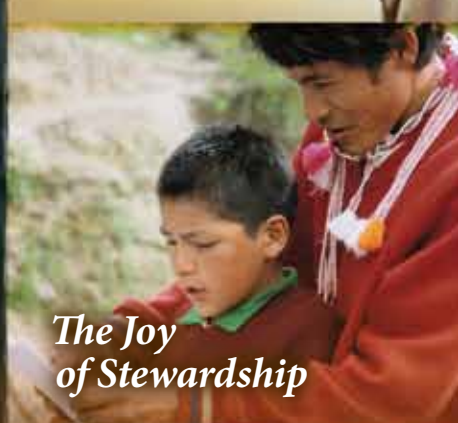
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