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### **Challenge continued...**

the years to come. Providing tremendous support for these efforts, the Chairman's Challenge offers a rare opportunity for generous people who believe in Bible translation to participate in the most ambitious Bible translation initiative ever launched, and help fulfill the incredible promise of Vision 2025. If you would like to accept the challenge, please fill out the enclosed Challenge Grant Acceptance Card and return it in the enclosed envelope.

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## **A Gift, a Challenge, and an Opportunity**

The work of Bible translation received a very special Christmas gift in 2003—an anonymous challenge grant of one million dollars presented to the Wycliffe Foundation.

For years, the Wycliffe family of organizations has been translating, facilitating research in linguistics, teaching people to read their own language, caring for others, praying, working and giving toward this important work. Now the Wycliffe

Foundation challenges people to get involved in new and innovative ways.

The resources required to realize the goals of Vision 2025 exceed those generated by our current development efforts. However, this anonymous gift enables the Wycliffe Foundation, created to cultivate the resources necessary to make this inspired dream come true, to present unique means for supporting Bible translation projects and boosting the fund-raising efforts—The Chairman's Challenge.

The Chairman's Challenge reflects the ambitious drive of Roger Tompkins, Chairman of the Board of the Wycliffe Foundation. His goal is to raise a million dollars from individual donors by Christmas 2004 and meet the challenge

presented by this generous gift. If the challenge is met, two million dollars will be invested in establishing the infrastructure of the Foundation and developing the gift-planning products and other tools needed to generate many millions more to get God's Word into the language groups who do not yet have it.

This Challenge presents an outstanding opportunity for individual donors to double their contributions, an idea that is central to Chairman Tompkins' campaign appeal. As he wrote in a recent letter to prospective donors, "It is my sincere hope that 2004 will see so many friends of Bible translation responding to this call that by next Christmas, we'll be able to share the good news that another incredible gift has been received—that generous donors like you have helped us meet the Chairman's Challenge."

With the establishment of Vision 2025 and the creation of the Wycliffe Foundation to support its aims, dramatic progress in the work of Bible translation is on the horizon in



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## Walking the Walk, While Translating the Talk

SANTIAGO-SACATEPEQUES, GUATEMALA—Imagine walking to work each day down dusty cobblestone streets, passing houses and storefronts patched together with pieces of rusty tin. The people you work with don't look like you and nearly every passerby stares as you walk to work. You arrive at your 10' x 12' office in the back of an old store with a fluorescent light hanging down with exposed wires. Outside, scraggly dogs walk around staring at you in hopes of a food scrap. In your office is a box of books and a fold-up cot for long days. Imagine this and you may get a sense of what it is like to be a Bible translator in Guatemala.

Tim Carey has been walking down those streets and other areas of Guatemala without streets since 1981 translating the Bible into the south central Cakchiquel language. He works alongside Orlando Pec, a Guatemalan national who is translating God's Word into his native Mayan language, one of many in Guatemala.

Carey and his wife Louise were teachers in California before joining Wycliffe. They attended SIL training one summer in Washington to maintain their continuing education required for teachers. "We'd hear stories by the missionaries about all that was being accomplished in literacy, translation and health, the needs of the people—those types of things," Carey explained, "and we thought this was really good work. We also knew that this was too hard for us." Carey and his wife thought the linguistics classes were interesting, but too difficult for them. "We didn't flunk but we weren't

the world's best linguists, so we went back to our jobs in California and that was the end of that."

But what they thought was the end of their linguistics career was really only the beginning. "Those folks at Wycliffe were pretty persistent," said Carey. "About every three months, a folder would come promoting Wycliffe." Every time Carey saw one of those brochures he would say to himself, "well, we know that they are doing a good work and we know that it is too hard for us."

About that time, the Careys had a life changing experience. The couple attended a New Testament seminar and at the end were asked to take out a piece of paper and number it one to three. The leader then asked them to first write down the name of a missionary. In the second slot, they were asked to think of something the missionary needed and to write it down. "So we thought about it and we knew a missionary family whose daughter was really struggling and really missed her parents. We wrote down for the family to get together for Christmas." This was in October. "We weren't at all prepared for what we had to write in number three... answer yes or no...will you provide that good thing for the missionary?"

Tim Carey, who was making \$600 a month with a \$125 rent payment didn't know if he and his wife could afford purchasing a \$1300 plane ticket for their friend to see her parents in Africa. They wrote yes on the line anyway.

"How can you write down no?" Carey asked, "How can we not trust God—you just can't do that if you are a Christian." So Tim Carey told the girl to get a passport and he took a

job he says the Lord provided where he could grade his school papers at night while working as a watchman for a construction site. His wife found some tutoring jobs and by December 7th they purchased that plane ticket.

"The important thing is what God did in our hearts. We saw something we knew we couldn't do, but God could do through us if we let him," Carey explained. That was December; in February another Wycliffe brochure came in the mail. Carey had the same reaction until he thought about the plane ticket to Africa. "It was kind of like that third question, how do you say no?"

This time... the Careys sent in the application from the brochure, and 25 years later have finished one New Testament and are near the completion of another. "I think the Lord had to deal with me particularly in the area of trusting Him, to be able to do something like this," Carey paused, "Sometimes, I still think I can't do it."

The day we visited with Tim Carey and Orlando Pec they were translating Philippians 4:12–13.

*I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*

—Scott Toncray

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## Wills, Willingness and Will Power

Have you ever heard anyone say, "I want to die without a will?" Nor have I. While some people may act like they don't need a will, I haven't heard anyone actually brag about it. That's because people seem to agree that having a will is a good idea.

Actually, when it comes right down to it, no one dies without a will. State government has seen to that. They have "written" a general will that stipulates how our estate will be dispersed—if we fail to do this ourselves. The problem is, they do not know our individual priorities and commitments.

So a personalized will (or other transfer documents such as a living trust) is of great value. Not only does it provide peace of mind; it prescribes who you want to handle your affairs and who will benefit from your estate.

The Wycliffe Foundation has discovered that most of our friends and supporters are quite willing to consider placing Bible translation in their estate plans. They want to join with us in seeing Bible translation projects begun in every language group that needs it by year 2025. The willingness is there.

Knowing the value of having a will and being willing to include any of the Wycliffe family of organizations is commendable...and appreciated. But good intentions alone will fail to bring the peace of mind a good will can produce. Nor do good intentions lock in a



Orlando Pec (left) and Tim Carey translate Philippians into the Mayan language, one of several in Guatemala.



Translation "help books" used by Tim Carey