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Friends,

I want to bring you up to date on what is happening in my life. I was fortunate to graduate from college a few years ago debt free for which I am thankful. I earned a BS in Special Education. The last few years I've been working as the supervisor of a group home for mentally ill adult women. My life is fulfilling, yet, I have a longing in my heart to be on the mission field. I was fortunate to be a part of my parents' work around the world while growing up. I have fond memories of sharing the gospel through music and drama in Aboriginal camps in Australia, mountain villages in Fiji, ministering to the Maori people in New Zealand, and bringing the hope of salvation to the Armed Forces on American military bases in Spain, Belgium, England, Italy, and Germany. After a lot of reflection, consideration, and prayer I have decided to team up with an organization called Wycliffe Associates.

As part of a great network of over 90 partner organizations around the world, Wycliffe Associates (www.wycliffeassociates.org) is a non-profit Christian ministry that involves people in the advancement of Bible translation. Volunteers, lay people, and missionaries are brought together to help begin the translation of the Bible into over 2,300 languages by the year 2025.

This fall, beginning October 1, I have the wonderful (and humbling) opportunity to begin a new career with Wycliffe Associates. I will be moving to Cameroon, Africa as a full time site coordinator/volunteer recruiter for that country. I will be responsible for visiting various translation sites in the region to determine the needs for missionaries in the various compounds. I will then discern the highest needs cases and begin recruiting missionaries from America to come fill those needs, and help fulfill Wycliffe's mission. For example, if a translation site is making an effort to provide housing to homeless people, a high need they might have would be to recruit contractors and construction workers. I would then have the task of locating missionaries with these skills and setting plans in motion to get them to Africa. I will have the heavy responsibility of seeing that the immediate needs of the local people are met. By coordinating the arrival and facilitation of missionaries to assist in Bible translation I can do my part to help fulfill the Great Commission as stated in Matthew 28:19... "Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations..."

In order to make all of this possible, I need to develop a team of ministry partners—a group of people like you who will pray for me and give a monthly financial gift to help me be a self-supporting, full time missionary. Together we will be able to assist in Bible translation so that people across the world can know and hold a Bible written in their first language. As you might imagine, raising the necessary funds will be one of my greatest steps

of faith in making this career change. Wycliffe estimates I will need a total of \$2,600 per month. These funds will cover housing, medical insurance, the extensive amount of travel involved with the ministry, emergency evacuation insurance should my circumstances become suddenly and unexpectedly unsafe, compound security, and other living expenses. The only additional expense is round trip airfare which runs about \$2500.

Would you prayerfully consider joining my support team by sending a gift of \$25, \$50, \$75 or more a month? Even a onetime gift would be greatly appreciated as my initial expenses will be high due to the airline ticket I must purchase to "get" to Africa. Of course whatever amount God leads you to send is the right amount. If you are in a position to help you may make tax-deductible donations to my ministry with Wycliffe by going to this website: www.wycliffeassociates.org. On the top right corner it says **"Donate now."** Click on that then enter my name, "Holly Emmerich", in the search box. My name will then show up. Click on it and you will be taken to a donation page. Very simple! More than anything I need your prayers as I follow the Lord's leading.

Thank you for considering joining my team to bring God's Word around the world to people who may never have had a Bible in their own language. I truly believe that if you team up with me we both will have the privilege and blessing of advancing the Kingdom of God. We can't all go, but we can support those who do with prayers or finances. Jesus multiplied the fish and loaves! He doesn't ask that we give a million dollars, just that we give what we can and, with His blessing, sit back and watch the miracles take place! I appreciate you taking the time to "hear my heart." May God bless you richly.

If you would like to contact me directly and ask any questions at all, my cell phone number is (252) 340-0226 and my email address is holly_emmerich@rocketmail.com.

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