

# BARNUMS FOR THE BIBLELESS

A newsletter from Dave & Sunny Barnum

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Dear partners,

Wycliffe Bible Translators began in the 1930s during the great depression. Our founder, Cameron Townsend, loved to tell about the time he took the first group of linguists into Mexico. It wasn't like today. Nobody had money then. Today we are required to have 100% of our monthly financial support promised before we can begin our assignment. Then, Townsend required the single women have at least \$90 before starting South. The men could go with only \$50 because "Uncle Cam" felt the men could hitchhike back if they ran out of money.

One summer Uncle Cam was about to take a team to Mexico, but one girl only had \$75. The driver refused to take her unless she had the full \$90. The car was to pick her up at John Brown University where she attended. That morning the school chaplain gave her the opportunity to say goodbye to her fellow students during chapel period. She felt a little foolish saying goodbye, not knowing if she was actually going. Immediately after she spoke, a friend came forward and gave her \$5. That inspired the chaplain to ask for an offering for her. That day she left for Mexico with more than \$90.



Cameron Townsend

The time for us to be ready to begin work at the Wycliffe headquarters in Orlando is fast approaching. We've been so blessed by those people who have decided to partner with us so far

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## Praises

- *We are now at 44%. Praise the Lord!*
- *Thanks to your prayers we've had great success visiting our local small groups with many contacts made and new partnerships.*

## Prayer Requests

- *Pray for responses from individuals & churches as we continue to try and set appointments this spring.*
- *Pray that God will open doors with individuals, businesses, and churches.*
- *That God would provide partners in time to reach our April deadline.*

## Partner Online

Join our team online by visiting this website:

[partner.thebarnums.com](http://partner.thebarnums.com)

## Mail Contributions to:

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**"HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY, BUT MY WORDS WILL NEVER PASS AWAY." LUKE 21:33 NIV**



and we're trusting in God to bring us to 100%. However, like the girl in the story, the time for our departure is rapidly approaching. Wycliffe sets a two year deadline for all members to build their financial partnership team. In our case, Wycliffe has been waiting nearly two years for me (Dave) to begin my role in the IT department in the headquarters in Orlando, FL. Wycliffe translators and other members worldwide rely on the computer servers at the headquarters to access necessary software, databases, finances, websites, and other information. As a Network Administrator I will support the translation effort by keeping those vital services up and running and by further improving Wycliffe's computer infrastructure. Please pray that God will bring us the financial partners required to start our ministry as our deadline approaches at the end of April. Maybe He is calling you to be part of our team!

Wycliffe needs us to fill critical roles for the progress of translation. We rely on God to meet our needs through the partnership of individuals like you. By partnering with Wycliffe and us, your investment in Bible translation has an impact for eternity. God is reaching His world with His Word through the faithfulness of people like you! Please consider partnering with our ministry. We won't be able to take our position without your partnership.

One effective way some of our partners have helped us to build relationships with friends they know has been by hosting a small get-together or dessert night. Please contact us if you would be able to help by hosting an event. Every relationship built really matters!



Love,  
Dave, Sunny & Kayla

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