

Our Mission Statement

Our goal is to glorify God by transforming lives through a unique strategy that integrates Scripture translation, scholarship and service so that everyone will have the Word of God in their own language.



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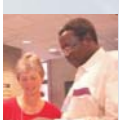
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The Malaysia Cross-cultural Training School:
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for the mission field.
2003 session
1st - 30th April

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International Triennium Convention - Trusting God for the Impossible



Alejandro Rodriguez. The plenary speakers were Prof. Andrew F. Walls, Brother Andrew Gonzalez, Dr. Iman Santoso and Dr. Robert D. Van Valin, Jr.

The theme for this convention was Trusting God For The Impossible. John Piper, the first devotional speaker, set the tone for the whole convention when he challenged the delegates not to be afraid of failures but to keep trying new things to achieve the impossible. Subsequent speakers spoke closely on this issue and during the whole 2 weeks the whole convention felt the need for prayer and dependence on God.

The delegates were constantly reminded of Vision 2025. The 1999 Resolution on Vision 2025 reads:

Motivated by the pressing need for all peoples to have access to the Word of God in a language that speaks to their hearts, and reaffirming our historic values and our trust in God to accomplish the impossible,

By the year 2025, together with partners worldwide, we aim to see a Bible translation program begun in all the remaining languages that need one.

We acknowledge that this cannot be accomplished simply by our working harder or doing more of what we are now doing. It will require us to make significant changes in our attitudes and ways of working.

Our desire is to build the capacity for sustainable Bible translation programs and Scripture-use activities. Therefore, we urge each entity within our family of organizations to give priority to strengthening present partnerships, forming

The Wycliffe International Triennium Convention was held from the 4th - 13th June 2002 in Waxhaw, North Carolina, USA. Together with two other board members, I attended this Convention. There were more than 400 delegates, official observers and invited guests. The devotional speakers were Dr. John Piper, Rev. Joe Kok and Rev.

additional strategic partnerships, and working together to develop creative approaches appropriate to each context.

To this end we commit ourselves to pray for the fulfillment of this vision, seeking God's guidance and obeying Him in whatever new directions He may lead.

Questions like "What are the major obstacles and hindrances to fulfilling Vision 2025?" and "What are the major opportunities and possibilities that can help us achieve Vision 2025?" were addressed through small group discussion and brainstorming. Many other issues relating to Vision 2025 were discussed and strategies drawn to meet the remaining needs of at least 3,000 languages in the world.

Recognising that it is not humanly possible to achieve all we planned and that God is the ultimate source of help, the delegates moved a motion:

"Recognizing the importance of prayer in the lives of all believers and the impossibility of realizing Vision 2025 in our own strength, we affirm the Executive Director's opening presentation to this WBTI Convention which stated that 'prayer (is) our greatest strategic response and our greatest resource.' In light of this affirmation, we, the delegates to the WBTI Convention resolve to model and prioritize prayer in our Wycliffe Member Organizations (WMOs). We also request the International Administration of WBTI to strengthen current and coordinate further strategies that will develop and support corporate prayer."

At the end of the Convention, Wycliffe International presents their new mission statement:

To glorify God by promoting and participating in a movement of the church world-wide to make disciples of all nations through Bible translation

The delegates came away from the convention refreshed and challenged. There is a sense of unity in mind and purpose towards achieving Vision 2025. Vision 2025 does not look daunting anymore. Shrinking 150 years to 25 years seems possible. There is hope as we garner prayer worldwide and continue to trust God for the impossible.

By Elisha Chua, Executive Director

Wycliffe International Convention

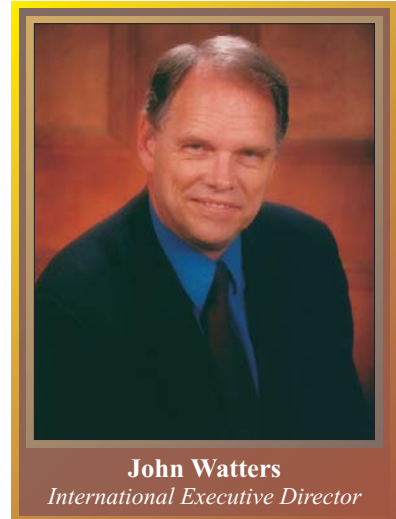
4 - 13 June 2002 Waxhaw, North Carolina.



Introducing Wycliffe International



Dick Hugoniot
International President



John Watters
International Executive Director

Dick Hugoniot : President (re-elected)

The International Administration

John Watters : Executive Director (re-appointed)
Darryl Kernick : Associate Executive Director, Wycliffe Operation
Bob Creson : Associate Executive Director, Operation
Don Lindholm : Associate Executive Director, Administration

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Dave Ohlson : Asia

Gene Burnham : Corporation Secretary

Key Profiles and Strategies for Vision 2025

The International Administration has identified the following 3 regions where 80% of the remaining 3,000 languages are located. Particular attention will be given to these regions in developing strategies and structures, and in allocating resources. Within each region 2 centers of concentration exist, allowing six such centers worldwide:

1. The Indo-Pacific Archipelago:
 - Indonesia 500 languages
 - PNG 400 languages
2. Mainland Asia:
 - India-Nepal-Southwest China 400 languages
 - Southern China-Southeast Asia 200 languages
3. Central Africa:
 - Central Francophone Africa 400 languages
 - Nigeria 300 languages

Pray for the team and others as they gather information on needs and results for planning and strategy purposes.

Welcome

We welcome Martin and Diana Chow and their daughter, Joyous, to the Wycliffe family. Martin (M.Sc Finance) last worked as a finance manager for a public listed company whilst Diana (MBA Finance) last worked as a remisier. Both of them join the home office. Martin will focus on ministry, training and constituency development while Diana will focus on member care.

We welcome Tan Yin Ling, too. She has applied for translation work in China. Yin Ling completed her MA in Linguistics in the University of Pittsburgh and is preparing to leave for the field training course January 2003.



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The Kachi Koli NT Project

The Kachi Kolis lives in South Pakistan. The NT (including Genesis, large portion of Exodus and Ruth) is ready for printing. Another exciting thing for the Kachi Kolis is that they want their children to learn to read and write in their own language. The team working with the Kachi Kolis plans to start two vernacular schools in the area. The children will have two years of mother tongue education before going to the regular schools.

Publishing Cost of the Kachi Koli NT : **RM5,400.00**

Pray for Poh Swan and her colleagues as they look to the Lord for the funds to print this New Testament.

Wycliffe Building Fund UPDATE

68%

Keep it Coming !!

14th Camp Wycliffe



- You have not been to a mission camp until you have been to Camp Wycliffe. Hurry! Join us for 4 days of fun and learning about cross-cultural mission and God.

Date : 21st - 24th November, 2002
Venue : Cameron Highlands.
Fees : RM130.00



PROBE

- A 5-day workshop on Phonetics, Grammar, Phonemics and Language Learning. Find out whether you have linguistic ability. It is fun and enlightening!

Date : 2nd - 6th December, 2002
Venue : Wycliffe Office
Cost : RM50.00

Philippines Mission Exposure Trip



- Visit Vera Khor's Bible translation project amongst the Obo Manobo people (finished translation of Mark, John, Genesis, Ruth, Jonah, Acts, Revelation, James, Philemon and Philippians; currently translating I - III John and Colossians).

Visit Nasuli Center, Mindanao ; see how support workers provide essential services, how aviation advances the gospel and their other important roles. Listen to exciting missionary stories, rub shoulders with them and see how they live amongst the people.

Date : 2nd - 11th October 2002
Cost : RM1,850.00 per person

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Lay Ministries

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- Vision Builders
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- Mission Dynamics

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Highlights of International Convention



Rev. Alejandro Rodriguez

Devotional Speakers

Joe Kok



Dr. John Piper



Delegates



Meal times

Checking email whenever time permits



Kitchen staff



Small group discussion



Colourful delegate



Some lively time



Board Retreat

The board retreat (28-30 June 2002) was held in Genting Permai. It comprises board members and their wives. Invited guests were Robert Lovatt and his wife, Leanne, plus their three sons, Joshua, Simon and Mark, and Wycliffe Malaysia members, Vera Khor and Ng Poh Swan.

Robert conducted a few sessions on board training. Topics include the role and responsibilities of board members, good governance, policies and orientation.

Wycliffe Institute of Strategic Planning



The Wycliffe Institute of Strategic Planning was held in the First World Hotel, Genting Highlands from 16 - 20 July 2002. About forty-one participants and staff attended the workshop. Kirk Franklin, the Executive Director of Wycliffe Australia and Robert Lovatt, the Senior Consultant of Asia Area Office, led the training.

Comments from some of the participants

- Well organized, very professional - *Low C.L. (Chairman)*
- Relevant and helpful - *Chandra Mohan (Mission Department)*
- The WISP has been one beautiful journey of self-discovery of God's grand purpose in my life and clear step-to-step guidelines to fulfill that purpose - *Leroy Ng (Pastor)*
- It is very good, should continue to carry on this workshop - *Lee Hock Cheng (Ministrial staff)*
- Excellent workshop - *Ang Li Lian (Mission Department Co-ordinator)*
- Every Christian leader should attend this workshop - *Martin Chow*
- The speakers' commitments are amazing. Recommend that

church pastors and leaders to attend - *Diana Soh*

- Excellent and I really would like to see more churches come for more or similar courses like this one - *Bernard Ong (Pastor)*
- Lively and enjoyable sessions - *Thomas Ong (Pastor)*
- Do it more often - *Caroline Khoo (Mission Department)*
- Solid and with strong biblical base in it - *Henry Chiang (Mission Secretary)*
- The speakers are experienced and responsive - *Francis Liew (Pastor)*
- Valuable lessons learnt not only from theory but relevant experiences from practitioners - *Benjamin Skadiang (Chairman)*
- I will recommend to pastors and leaders to attend this type of course to have a better vision for themselves, family and Church - *Dr. Wong Yoke Foong (Mission Department)*
- It is helpful because we can get personal helps for the speakers - *Paul Kim (Pastor)*
- Very helpful to the local church/organization leaders to develop a clear vision for their own entity - *Brian Chung (Ministry Coordinator)*