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## *Psalm 67:1-5*

*May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.*

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!*

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.*

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!*

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## Josh & Katie Goshert

Preparing to serve with Wycliffe Bible  
Translators in Solomon Islands

Josh is a country kid from southeast Kansas, and Katie is a city girl from southern California. They met at Bible college in Omaha, Nebraska.

They've spent most of the last 16 years in Michigan where God has blessed them with five children.



L-R: Asher, Katie, Abigail, Anna, Josh, Aaron, Andrew

Over the years, God has been preparing them in various ways. He recently called them to serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators and has given them a passion to see His people have His Word.

More personal info & ministry updates can be found on our blog at [gosherts.com](http://gosherts.com).



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## Wycliffe Bible Translators

In 1942, Cameron Townsend founded **Wycliffe Bible Translators**. Wycliffe is committed to seeing a Scripture translation in progress for every language still needing one by the year 2025. Wycliffe believes all peoples should have the opportunity to know Christ and access to God's Word in a language that speaks to their hearts.

## Why Bible Translation?

**Why not English, French or Spanish, or even a common trade language?**

*"God hemi lavem olketa pipol long disfala wol tumas, dastawe nao hemi givim kam San blong hem wea hemi wanfala nomoa, mekem eniwan hu hemi biliv long hem bae hemi no save dae bat bae hemi garem tru laef wea hemi no save finis."*

This is an actual translation of John 3:16, in Pijin, the trade language of the Solomon Islands. You might recognize a few words--and maybe you even recognized which verse it is. But could you really understand it? Millions of Christians have to use a Bible that is not clearly understood--one that doesn't speak to their heart.

**To hundreds of millions, God is foreign.**



### Bible Translation Facts

- There are over 7100 languages in the world
- Of these, 683 have a complete Bible, 1534 have the New Testament, and 1133 have only portions of the Bible
- Over 180 million people worldwide have zero portions of the Scriptures in a language their hearts understand

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## About Solomon Islands

Solomon Islands is a country containing over 900 islands across 930 miles of ocean. About 12% of the nation's 650,000 people live in the capital city of Honiara, on the island of Guadalcanal.

There are 70 language groups among the islands. English is the official language, but only 1% of the population can speak it. Pijin English, a trade language, is spoken as a second language by about 45% of the people.

These people want to follow Jesus, but without the Word of God in a language their hearts understand, this is virtually impossible. Only 6 language groups have the complete Bible, 20 have the New Testament, and the remaining are split between having only portions of Scriptures and having none at all.



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Josh will serve as Operations Manager for the national translation center in Honiara. He will provide administrative leadership at the center and essential logistics and communications support to village-based translation teams throughout the islands.

For the first term, Katie will serve primarily in the home caring for their five children, whom she will be home schooling.

Josh and Katie, and the children too, will also get to serve visitors to the translation center. Many consultants, translators and advisors travel through and lodge at the center for workshops and consultations.



**“When we read in the trade language, it’s like the words bounce off our skin, but when we hear it in our own language, it cuts straight into our hearts and gets into our blood.”**

— Lote Speakers in Papua New Guinea

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How we can serve  
your church:

Sharing a vision for missions

Giving information about Bible translation

Help with a Missions Conference

Teaching Sunday school

Leading a small group or home meeting

Sharing in church services

Leading a prayer meeting

AWANA missionary time

Suggestions/  
Opportunities?  
We're flexible!



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*Ways you can partner with our Wycliffe ministry to help bring the Word of God to the Bibleless of Solomon Islands:*

**Pray** – As we strive to get God’s Word to the Bibleless, we face a spiritual battle. We need prayer partners who will commit to pray for us and our Wycliffe ministry on a regular basis.

**Give** – We rely on consistent financial gifts from partners like you to meet the monthly budget established by Wycliffe for our Wycliffe ministry. Please prayerfully consider joining our team as a financial partner.

**Go** – Wycliffe needs people of all skills and backgrounds to support Bible translation. Maybe God is calling you to use your skills for His work in a short-term or longer-term role.

**Become an Advocate** – We are looking for churches, small groups, and individuals with whom we can share about our ministry, the great work that God is doing through Wycliffe, and the impact of Bible translation among people groups around the world.

**Partner with our Wycliffe ministry and see God glorified by changed lives!**

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