

16<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Dear Friends of David and Katherine,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you about David and Katherine Liddle and the roles they will fill in Wycliffe to further the work of Bible translation. It has already been an answer to prayer when we heard in August 2009 that they accepted the challenge to give up their house in Dallas and come over to Europe to help. Since then they have handed over the tasks they were doing at the Dallas center and started to build a support team for their service in Europe. We are looking forward to having them join our team in the Europe Area office of the Wycliffe Global Alliance in the near future.

David's colleagues in the IT Services Department wait eagerly for his arrival as they carry a heavy load trying to provide timely support for almost 20 Wycliffe organizations here in Europe in addition to addressing the needs of our Area office. Functional IT services are essential to help us to effectively fulfill our role in the Bible Translation movement.

Many of the European Wycliffe Organizations are very small and underresourced in the IT area. They need a level of service that can not effectively be provided from US-based IT services as we are in different time zones. And they are often not able to use local commercial service providers as it is outside their financial capabilities. Having a department in Europe enables faster response time to urgent problems. Web based applications will enable David to effectively solve problems on computers across Europe in real time from his desk at the Europe Area office. With his experience of serving in the Dallas IT department David has gained in-depth knowledge of our internal IT systems which is of significant value to us here in Europe.

After the family has settled in Katherine may also want to take up a strategic role within the Europe Area office. Katherine's skills and abilities could be of benefit in one of the part-time roles we currently have open.

Thank you for allowing me to share this information with you. If I can provide more details please let me know. My prayer is that you will find continuing fulfillment and reward through your partnership with David and Katherine in serving the cause of Bible Translation.

Yours Sincerely,



Frank Lautenschlager  
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