



Making God's Word accessible in a language that speaks to their hearts

Tom and Mary Holman

Dear Family and Friends,

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“For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1 NLT

September is the end of the fiscal year for translation projects, and for those which have come to the end of their three-year phase, it is the time when they are evaluated and approved (or not) for their next phase.

Recently Tom and I were asked to give input to the next phase of the Waja and Lala Projects. How many books can the teams translate in three years? Length and difficulty of books, man-hours, community and church involvement, and availability of consultants are all considered. We're glad that we're consultants and not the Field Project Managers who work with local partners to bring all this information together! **Pray** that the Waja and Lala Projects would be approved for the next three-year phase.

The checking of the Epistles of John in June went well. Tom and I both have been working with our teams on parallel passages in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke since then. The Waja team now has good internet connection (most of the time) in their home area, which is such a blessing! We can work whenever we want. Today it started to rain heavily. The internet went down briefly, and the rain pounding on their metal roof kept us from hearing each other! This is the time when the rains usually taper off, but heavy rains continue to cause flooding, destroy crops, and cause mud brick houses to fall down. **Please pray** for the rain to stop.

Prayer Points

- **Praise God** that the checking of John's Epistles in Waja went so well.
- **Praise God** with us for 42 years of working in Bible translation.
- **Pray** that the Waja and Lala Projects would be approved for the next phase.
- **Pray** for the heavy rains in West Africa to stop.
- **Pray** for good health for Tom and Mary.

For some time now Tom and I have been praying about when to retire, and in August we started the process of retirement with Wycliffe Bible Translators. We will officially retire on January 31, 2023, but we will continue to volunteer as consultants for the Lala and Waja teams as long as our health allows. We'll give you more details about the process as the time draws near.



Tom and I with our partner, Grace Adjekum, in 1981

Please pray for our health. Recently I've had two bouts of severe chest pain in the night. Several follow-up tests showed that there are no heart problems! I also had an episode of amnesia, with more tests which ruled out a stroke. The diagnosis was Transient Global Amnesia. It usually happens only once.

Thank you for your faithful prayers.

With love in Christ,

Mary

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