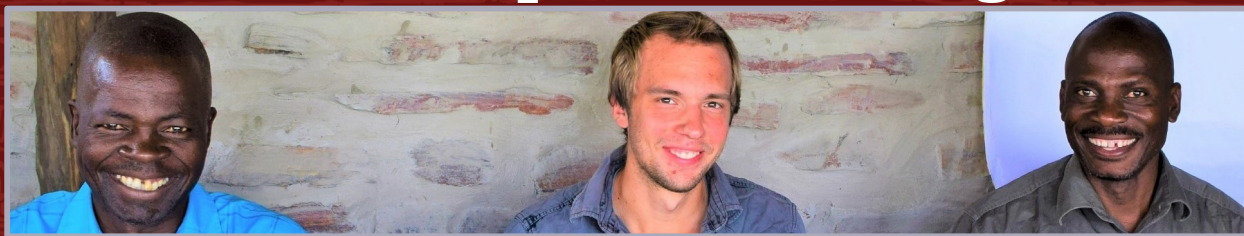


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Joel's Africa Update: Madagascar



Namibia in July

Dear brothers and sisters,

I'm headed to Namibia for a month to record an audiobible in the Herero language. This is not related to my future Wycliffe assignment doing Bible translation in Madagascar, but it's something I can be helpful with as I had a bit of free time in the month of July. I leave July 4 and get back Aug 3. Then on Aug 16, Gia and I get married! It's a very exciting time.

The Herero people of Namibia number around 326,000. They traditionally worship ancestral spirits. Some practice polygamy. Raising cattle is their main economy. Many have converted to Christianity but they have had to read the Bible in other languages like Afrikaans or English. Now the Herero language Bible is at its translation completion. I'm going to record native speakers as they read this Bible, starting with several books of the Old Testament. Many are waiting to hear the Bible in Herero for the first time!

Gia is in the process of joining Wycliffe. We plan to live and work in Bible translation and evangelism in Madagascar in 2026, once we reach 100% monthly ministry support. This monthly support is provided by whoever wishes to schedule monthly donations. It's a partnership. Gia and I do not receive a salary from Wycliffe or other organizations or businesses—partnership comes entirely from members of Christ's Body who are moved to bless the bibleless people in Madagascar. We're making an impact together! Thanks so much to everyone who has joined in this way, or in prayer. It is no small thing. - Joel



Recording in Namibia



Herero people in traditional dress



☞ The last time I was in Namibia— in 2022



Gia was a bridesmaid at a recent wedding

PRAYER & PRAISE

- ☞ Thank God for this opportunity to serve the Herero people in July
- ☞ Pray for a lively, Holy Spirit-filled recording of the Herero Bible, and that many would be blessed by hearing God's Word
- ☞ Pray for provision for Gia and I to live and serve in Madagascar, for more prayer and monthly partners

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