

This April: Easter and [World Health Day](#) Highlight Efforts That Combine Bible Translation and Humanitarian Aid

[Wycliffe Bible Translators](#) Helps Fight AIDS in Africa While Leading Effort to

Begin [Bible Translation and Literacy Programs](#) in ALL Remaining Languages by 2025

"Surprisingly, Bible translation - and the language development that is foundational to it - can be a starting point for solutions to some of the world's most pressing humanitarian issues."

-Kathie Watters, coordinator of Wycliffe's AIDS Education Program in Africa

ORLANDO, Fla., Feb. 4, 2009 - When Kathie Watters lived in Cameroon and encountered first-hand the heartbreaking loss of seeing someone close to her die of AIDS, she realized that her skills as a registered nurse and a linguist put her in a unique position to help battle what is now the leading cause of death in Africa. As part of her work with [Wycliffe Bible Translators](#) - the **world's largest Bible translation organization** - Watters helps **bring local language AIDS education materials** to communities where Wycliffe is also facilitating [Bible translation](#).

In January 2005, **motivated by the death of her friend and housekeeper**, Watters led a team in implementing an AIDS education program using easily translatable booklets called *"Kande's Story."* Now, Wycliffe's staff and the African translation teams translate the booklets into a community's own language - **providing heart language AIDS education for the first time** in most of these communities. *Kande's Story* materials are currently being developed or used in 11 countries and 80 language communities in Africa.

"After seeing people I cared about dying from this epidemic I wanted to do something," said Watters, developer of Wycliffe's AIDS program, co-author of the [Kande's Story](#) materials, and part of a three-generation Wycliffe family (Watters and her husband, John, worked in Cameroon and Kenya; her daughter and son-in-law serve in Papua New Guinea; her father-in-law served in Peru and the United States). *"Being part of a translation team and having a background in nursing, I believed Wycliffe could have an impact on AIDS in communities where language development was underway."*

Wycliffe recently launched the [Last Languages Campaign](#) - a full-sprint effort to bring first-time access to literacy, life-saving health information, and the Bible to the remaining one-third of the world's language groups - some 200 million people - over the next 17 years, representing a time savings of 125 years from the late 20th century translating pace. By reaching this goal and providing AIDS education materials in a community's heart language, Wycliffe hopes to enhance millions of lives around the globe.

Media Travel Opportunity: In May 2009, join a Wycliffe team as they travel to Uganda and Tanzania to work on translation and humanitarian efforts that include literacy education, healthcare and community empowerment. For more information, please see the [online travel itinerary and interview opportunities](#) or contact Jeannine Rhoden or Kelly

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Founded in 1942, Wycliffe Bible Translators exists to make the Bible accessible to all people in the language that is most meaningful to them. Wycliffe understands that **critical community development often starts in a surprising place: with Bible translation** and the language development that is foundational to it.

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