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Burke's Blessing

What is a blessing anyway? Isn't it favor from God to us? We feel especially blessed to have been able to serve God over the years by contributing to the ministry of Bible translation. What a privilege it's been to be involved in such a vital ministry.

We've been running the race set before us but now we'll be slowing down a little. We officially retired on March 31st but that doesn't mean that our ministry for the Lord will end. We will still be involved but on a volunteer basis. What does that mean? We will just shift gears a little and not be quite as busy as before, putting in fewer hours.

We will continue to live at Wycliffe's International Center in their retirement apartment building of 54 apartments. It's a real privilege as we are able to interact with other retired and senior members on a daily basis. Some of our translators have lived in less than desirable conditions around the world. We are happy that we've been able to provide them with vital resources that they needed to help them translate Scripture more accurately and in less time. Now millions more people have God's Word for the very first time.

Dick will be helping residents of our apartment building with their computer problems, as well as helping other senior missionaries who don't live at our Center. He will also be involved in assisting in other ways such as being responsible one week-end each month for any emergency situations of people living here or emergencies concerning the building itself.

Cheryl will be involved in numerous ways too, such as working at the information desk in our apartment building and giving orientation to new residents including giving them a packet of information and a basket of "goodies". She will also be spending time visiting and praying with senior missionaries when they are sick, hospitalized, or in need of encouragement.

We will both assist with special events here too, so you see we won't be sitting in rocking chairs but still be involved during our retirement.

We want this to be a special letter of thanks to those of you who have stood with us. Your prayers and financial gifts have been instrumental in keeping us in this ministry. We simply could not have been involved without you partnering with us...you have been a tremendous blessing to us! We would appreciate your prayers as we begin this new phase of our lives.

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