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Let's get to know one another...

Dear Friend,

We are Byron and Kathy Pirolo, missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

We met at Calvary Chapel Conference Center in 1997. Kathy was a student at Calvary Chapel Bible College, and Byron was on staff as a painter at the conference center. Byron, who had been a missionary kid in Peru and Brazil with Wycliffe, had just returned from his first mission trip to deliver Bibles to the underground church in China. After one more Bible smuggling trip, we were married and our involvement in missions snowballed over time.

We started The Word for Asia, and for 15 years, trained and led over 150 Bible college students and people from local churches on short-term trips to Asia. Byron has led teams to countries including China, Indonesia, Thailand, and Cambodia. Over 20 of our short termers turned into long term missionaries! Trip objectives involved Bible smuggling into communist China to fill requests from the underground church, as well as crossing Bibles and audio Bible devices, including SD cards for cell phones into China, visiting orphanages, speaking in English classes at universities and sharing the gospel during "English Corners", undercover tracking and Bible distribution inside China, prayer walking in strategic locations, visiting and encouraging underground Bible colleges and teaching and ministering in an underground church.

Our family also lived and served full time in Hong Kong for two years. During this time, we received teams from around the world as they came to support the Chinese church through Bible delivery and helped meet the need for longer term missionaries during a crucial time. We are amazed at how the Lord moved through our ministry and are thankful that He allowed us to be a small part of it. Over our 15-year ministry to China we estimate that more than 500,000 Chinese brothers and sisters received their first Bible through our teams. Some of these Bibles were most likely shared by more than one person. This was only accomplished as God brought us the prayer and provision team needed to serve. Our ministry verse was Galatians 6:9,10 "And let us not grow weary while doing good.... especially to those who are of the household of faith." Our shoes wore out walking China, but it was a privilege to serve by bringing Bibles to those in need.

From The Word for Asia to Wycliffe Bible Translators...

Over time, we felt called to serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators. For us it is simple, every person deserves a Bible in a language and format they can clearly understand. By using our gifts and talents we are able to support Bible translations around the world.

Byron served as an assistant administrator for the Mexico Branch in Oaxaca, Mexico. This also included being the Mexico Branch security officer, and the Mitla Center Finance Manager. Upon joining Wycliffe, we chose to serve wherever we were asked to fill critical and strategic needs so that translators would not be pulled away from their work. We have held many jobs, not from flakiness, but because we are flexible and desire God to be glorified through our service.

Kathy, having taught at Calvary Chapel Christian Schools as a High School teacher and at a charter school as an assistant to a Special Education teacher, served at Oaxaca Christian School, a K-12 school for missionary kids, as a teacher, and founded the first learning center to support students with learning disabilities.

Since 2020, Kathy has been serving as the Africa Coordinator for The Finish Line, which includes half of the projects featured in Wycliffe USA's prayer material for Scriptures nearing completion. She has been asked to take the Lead on this project and will be serving as Lead Content Coordinator for The Finish Line Project. In this new position she will be heading up the entire Finish Line project which currently includes over 300 language projects from over 70 different mission organizations and churches globally. Important prayer requests are shared and distributed from around the globe through The Finish Line to support translation teams and to pray the Scriptures across "the finish line" and into the hands of unreached people.

Will you join us?

We are sustained by the prayers and financial partnerships of Christian families, individuals and Churches. We have a ministry budget developed in concert with Wycliffe USA which includes health insurance, funds for retirement, and a 10% administrative assessment for Wycliffe Operations. Our living expenses are from the net of monthly gifts (after the above are deducted) and average 57% of the total – these funds go toward our tithes & offerings, housing, food, utilities, transportation, out-of-pocket medical expenses, and emergency savings.

We need faithful prayer and financial partners and would be honored to have you join our Wycliffe ministry team. In return, we promise to communicate regularly, keeping you informed and encouraged about what God is doing through, in, and around us as part of the global Bible translation movement!

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<https://www.wycliffe.org/partner/everytribe> ===== THANK YOU!

We also do 'Zoom' video conference calls; Please text 520-609-9637 to arrange.

God Bless,

Byron and Kathy Pirola

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Kathy's New Video