

The remaining task

There are more than 1500 languages that need Scripture in their language... but they don't have any part of God's Word. They alone represent almost 180 million people.

There are more than four billion people in this world that are oral learners. "Oral learners" are those people who learn best and whose lives are most likely to be transformed when they can access the Bible in oral forms. Most of the crowds Jesus taught 2,000 years ago were oral learners, and He used culturally relevant stories and analogies to reach them. Many groups still transmit their beliefs, heritage, values and other important information by means of stories, proverbs, poetry, songs, chants, music, dances, ceremonies and rites of passage. They can't, don't or won't take in new information or communicate by literate or other unfamiliar means. In a unique way, this includes those that are blind or deaf.

Many of the current tools are designed for literate oriented people and many of the world's seven billion people don't have an effective witness of God's Word.

Durk's work is to help people find appropriate ways to communicate God's message of eternal life to all people. He is focusing currently on the piece of the puzzle that helps God's Word to come alive for people groups around the globe.

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Personal Profile



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***"Helping people engage with
God through His stories"***

Bring God's Word to those who never had it

God's command to go into all the world and teach all nations is a foundation in Durk and Sandy's lives. Before serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators, both of them had been involved in summer missions, including cross-cultural work in the Philippines. To serve with Scripture engagement work fulfills their hearts' desire to bring God's Word to those who never had it.

About Durk

When Durk came to know the Lord in 1978, he was training to be an airline pilot. He soon became involved in Christian service opportunities such as the church choir program, the television ministry, and he taught for many years in the preschool children's department. Durk also served many years with an inner-city ministry by leading a children's Bible club, delivering meals-on-wheels to the shut in and poor, and in summer Bible camps of Child Evangelism Fellowship, American Missionary Fellowship and House of Prayer Church in Blairsville. For several years he also led a chapel service at a local nursing home. While working as a pilot, God burdened Durk to work full time in missions. In preparation, Durk received a B.S. degree in Church Ministries and Missions as well as completing his aviation maintenance training at Moody Aviation, part of Moody Bible Institute.

About Sandy

After Sandy was born again in 1985, she attended Bible College in Memphis, Tennessee, where she received her B.S. degree in Psychology and Bible. It was there Sandy realized the reality of God's command to go - that more than half the world is without an effective witness of Jesus Christ. This is also where she met Durk, whom she joined in the nursing home ministry and teaching four year olds at their church.

What they do

Sandy has been the home-maker and she also has home schooled the children. With five of God's lovely arrows that are now 13 to 21 years young, this was for many years certainly a fulltime task.

Durk and Sandy served from 2011 to 2015 in South Africa with Wycliffe RTS (Regional Translation Services) where Durk was serving as Ethno Communications Specialist, Trainer, and Consultant. Durk served in the southern third of Africa including Mozambique, Namibia, Botswana, and South Africa. This work served people holistically helping them access and engage with Scripture in cultural relevant ways. The goal was to empower local believers and the local church as much as possible to do their own work, including Scripture translation, in ways that worked well for them. He came alongside local initiatives and served them together with other partners like TWR, T4Global, The Seed

Company, local Bible societies, SIL, YWAM, and others. After his return to the USA, drawing from his experiences over the last 25 years, Durk has set up a website called 'Engaging with the Eternal' (engagingwiththeeternal.org) posting many articles about Scripture engagement as a resource for people in ministry worldwide. All the articles are also available as audio recordings with the aim to serve the broadest possible audience. Currently Durk also serves through T4Global's initiative to help communities engage in oral Scripture translation.

Durk has served in various ways, starting out as a pilot/mechanic with Jaars, Wycliffe's technical arm and after that in leadership and as a visionary for the vernacular media work within Wycliffe's family of organizations worldwide. He has been part of this work since its inception in 1993 and for 10 years served as the Director. He has dubbed multiple videos in languages from Suriname, Bolivia, Mexico, to North Africa, and Europe, while also leading media related workshops around the world.

From 2005 until 2009 Durk served as Director of Operations in the start-up phase of the International Orality Network. As a network of more than sixty ministries it involved a lot of consulting, as well as leading workshops on effective use of media tools in ministry context. From 2008 to 2010 Durk helped successfully launch a new initiative making the Scriptures available via the internet for mobile phones and other digital devices.