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Transition

Director of the World Mission office is no small job, yet Steve Elsey has filled the position since February 2013 with dedication, wisdom, and the Spirit's leadership.

However, after feeling God leading him and his wife, Gail, to another, then-unknown facet of ministry, Steve presented his resignation, which the World Mission Board regretfully accepted.

Steve's tenure as director concluded the end of May, but he will not be sitting idle. Beginning July 1, Steve will step into the position of pastor at the Overland Park Church of God (Holiness).

The World Mission Board is grateful to Steve and Gail for the excellent job they have done representing this department. They have traveled many miles, and Steve has made many international trips. The Board is asking for God's direction as they actively seek a new person for this position.

Thank you for remembering World Missions in your prayers!



Steve makes little friends wherever he goes.



Steve speaking to the congregation in Sogla, Ghana.



A towel and banana leaves serve as makeshift umbrellas in Haiti for Pastor Samson, Mark Surbrook, and Steve Elsey.

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Bible Translation 50/50 Campaign

50 people giving \$50 per month
will fully fund the Doyles' ministry



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Bible Translation: 50/50 Campaign

Is Bible translation important? You be the judge:

- The first Bible translation occurred about 200 years before Jesus' birth when the Septuagint (a Greek version of the Old Testament) was made available for Jews who no longer used the original languages. Many Old Testament quotes in the New Testament are from this version.
- Our own English Bible was bought by martyr's blood. Other translation work had been done in the past, but in the 1500s William Tyndale saw the need for an English Bible that even a commoner could understand. He translated the Bible from the original languages into English and paid for this "treasonous" act by being strangled and burned at the stake.

Although most people today can read a Bible in a second language, the true meaning of the scriptures is lost. Mr. Muuda Joseph*, after attending a workshop on the Gospel of Mark in the Lugwere language in Uganda, was thrilled, saying, "This is the best day in my life. I now feel like 'God is a Mugwere.' His Word speaks to me more clearly than I have ever felt before."

Larry & Christy Doyle have a burden to see the Bible translated into the heart languages of people in Papua New Guinea. They have plans to return to the field this summer, but their travel is being delayed at least 2-3 months. First, they need 100% of their ministry funds pledged.

To complete their funding, the Doyles need 50 people to donate \$50 per month over the next four years—that's only \$12.50 per week.

Will you partner with them? The congregational offerings they receive go primarily toward home assignment and return travel expenses. More pledges of support are needed!

Thank you for every prayer and any monthly or one-time donations; your support is vital to spreading the Truth.

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