

# Meet Your Missionaries

## David and Linda Captain

Currently serving in the Americas with the Wycliffe Bible Translators



BIRTH PLACES; north central IL (Linda)  
northeast IN (David)

BIRTHDAYS: August 20 (Linda), April 15 (David)

HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

David: puzzles, gardening, photography, visiting historical and nature sites

Linda: reading, cooking, needlework, gardening, hospitality

CHILDREN: Katharine (married with two stepsons);  
Jennifer (married with three children); Jonathan (single and dating)

FAVORITE VERSES currently: Jer. 29:11-14a (Linda), John 6:68 (David)

SALVATION AGE: 19 (David), 4 (Linda)

EDUCATION: David: Indiana University, Taylor University, University of

Texas at Arlington Linda: Taylor University, West Suburban Hospital School of Nursing, Summer Institute of Linguistics

### TESTIMONIES

#### Linda

I was reared in a Christian home with a rich Christian heritage. The pastor who married my parents had a strong interest in missions. As he counseled my parents, he asked them to consider serving the Lord as missionaries. That door was not opened to them, but they did open their home to missionaries. Sharing meals at the dinner table with our missionary guests, I was introduced to missions at a young age and realized missionaries were just ordinary people serving the Lord. As a youngster, the Lord was preparing my heart for mission work. During my high school years, I felt called to serve the Lord in missions. As a student at Taylor University, I met David, who had also sensed the Lord's call to missions. After completing our education, we worked a few years to pay off college loans to be able to enter ministry debt-free. During that time, we married and started a family. Led by the Lord to help bring His Word to the minority peoples of the world in their own language, we attended the training courses for the Wycliffe Bible Translators at the linguistic center in Dallas and were accepted as members of Wycliffe in 1974. We accepted an assignment to serve in Colombia, South America and arrived on the field with our three young children, Kathi, Jenni and Jon in 1976.

#### David

I was raised in a church-going family and learned the Bible stories in Sunday School. But my focus as a youth was on school, sports and trying to live a good, moral life. During my teen years I was talked into "going forward" at a youth rally but the result was still trying to please God through my own efforts. Finally, as a sophomore at Indiana University, when faced with the realization of my own inadequacies and uncertainties of life, I searched the Scriptures like never before and met Jesus Christ personally. I committed my life to him and sensed a call to proclaim that same life-giving message in some way to others in spiritual need. Then, while majoring in Bible at Taylor University, I learned of the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators. After attending one of their summer linguistic courses, God's call to Bible translation was confirmed for me. I met and courted Linda during my final year at Taylor. Then I worked one year for Youth for Christ and three years as a paint lab technician in the Chicago area while Linda completed her nurses training.

### HISTORY OF WBT MINISTRY

#### Linda

1977 to 2005—wife, mother, and partner in the Wayuu language program; part-time nurse at the mission center

#### David

1977 to 1982—Wayuu language program in Colombia – language and culture learning, linguistic analysis

1983 to 2005—Bible translation for the Wayuu – New Testament and Genesis – with another Wycliffe team; translation and publication of other Wayuu literature; linguistic publications on Wayuu; preparation of Wayuu Scripture audio-visuals

2003 to 2005—edit, check and publish Wayuu-Spanish bilingual dictionary

2006 on—transfer to Americas Area to serve as academic editor, linguistic consultant, and dictionary specialist

### **CURRENT MINISTRY WITH WBT**

#### **Linda**

Personal ministry correspondence and promotion of Wycliffe's mission

#### **David**

Preparing our full database of Wayuu lexical material in the latest software program so that it may be archived and then published on the internet as a trilingual dictionary (Wayuu-Spanish-English).

Consulting other language teams in the Americas to help them publish their bilingual dictionaries.

Digitizing our unpublished Wayuu materials for archiving.

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