

Mark's Invitation to Serve the Global Church as a Missionary for Organizational Strengthening

This invitation shows how God is interconnecting organizations for His work. At the center is the rapidly growing **global Church** and its work of *evangelism, discipleship, and church planting*. Essential for this work is the translation of Scripture into local languages which the church is increasingly owning. The need for translation is great with still 1600 languages without God's Word.

Supporting the Church is **Global Partnerships**, a team of 129 members from 33 international Bible translation organizations, serving over 1000 churches in 67 countries and supporting the church in 1170 active language projects impacting **1.6 billion** people. As a champion for collaboration and strategy, it desires is to be directed and used by the Church and to see the body of Christ working interdependently and not independently.

As a key participant in **Global Partnerships**, **Wycliffe Bible Translators** has a 75-year instrumental history in language development and Bible translation. They believe that everyone should be able to hear the Good News through the Word of God in their heart language.

Now also being connected is **Fellowship Church**, an active and large body of Jesus followers fueled by His gospel and empowered by His Spirit in Knoxville Tennessee.

So, at the request of **Wycliffe Bible Translators** and in ministry partnership with **Fellowship Church**, Mark Granger has been asked to serve fulltime as *Senior Organizational Strengthening Consultant* on the **Global Partnerships** team. Mark will assist Bible translation organizations and their partner **churches** in developing strategies, systems, and capacity sufficient for people from every language to encounter God through His Word.



To support the **Transformation of Lives through the Translated Word of God**, Mark will focus on:

- Organizational Strengthening - Enhanced effectiveness and sustainability of international partner organizations with formal strengthening processes and multi-organizational collaboration. 40% effort in Tanzania, Benin, and Papua New Guinea.
- Global Blessing - New network of strong relational and mutually beneficial connections between global missionaries and mission-oriented US churches and individuals. 25% effort with Mexico, India, and Nigeria.
- Impact X - Alignment across Wycliffe of systems and processes to support the Global Church in Bible translation. 20% effort.
- Global Partnerships - Strategic planning and directional support for the Global Partnerships team as it envisions the future. 15% effort.

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Eph 2:10)

God has prepared this work for Mark beforehand. Even before faith in Christ, Mark felt a strong desire to serve inter-culturally. For the last 30 years, this desire has focused on strengthening missionary organizations to better realize their vision. Mark has led several volunteer long-term projects for Wycliffe and others in Indonesia, Brazil, and Uganda. Now, God’s invitation is clear, and it is time to walk in it full-time so that we may see His good works.

Being aligned on mission, Fellowship Church has partnered with Wycliffe and is sending Mark to serve under Wycliffe with anticipation of new opportunities for itself to serve global churches. Mark is leaving his career to become a Fellowship Church Missionary and staff member-at-large.

Mark and Carole need to raise \$4K/month or \$48K/year for five years. Please join Mark and Carole in the invitation to walk in His Works through prayer, funding, and potential participation. Tax-deductible contributions can be made directly to a designated account using the link below and selecting the category “Support - Mark Granger”.

Support Mark and Carole

Note: Please share your contact information with Mark and Carole at mark_granger@partnerships.global. We request your prayer support and want to share ministry updates and prayer requests.

Mark and Carole are so excited about this new opportunity and will be glad to discuss further. Mark can be contacted at (865) 567-7871. Thank you for your support!



Kabba Church in Chad translating the Old Testament into their own language



Mark with Silimo Tribe in Papua Indonesia in 1992.