

Annual Anyi Translation and Literacy News & Report 2006

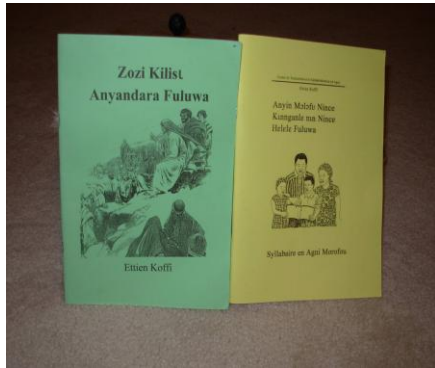
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Dear Anyi Ministry Friends,

This is the time of the year when I thank you for your financial, spiritual, and moral support for the previous year. This is also the time when we look ahead for another year of ministry. Since a picture is worth a thousand words, I thought I would mix text with pictures to maximize the amount of words!

Translation & Literacy News

This is the first time in many many years that I have not translated any text of the New Testament into Anyi. Instead, I spent the summer putting together a booklet containing the parables of Jesus. It was more work than I had anticipated but it was definitely worth it. Our literacy program has been enriched with two beautiful 60-page booklets. One thousand copies of each booklet have been printed and are being used in the Anyi villages.



Anyi Primer and Parable Booklet

With these two booklets, level 1 and level 2 students have some reading materials to keep them busy while I work on the next booklet for level 3 students.

Kids and Community Get Involved

Two 10-year old girls, Megan Schulze and Kayla H-Brill started a business called "Cards for Care" and raised \$500 for the Anyi Literacy project. The students at Saint Cloud Christian School also raised \$600.00. Their combined efforts helped print 1000 copies of the booklet

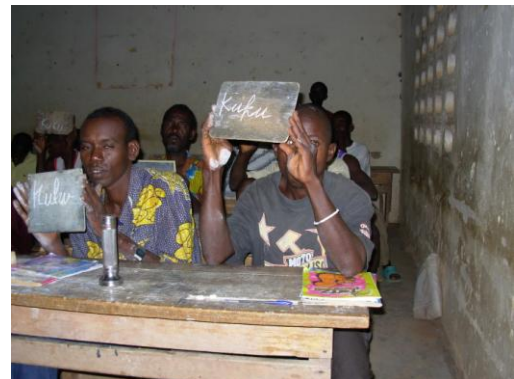
containing the Parables of Jesus. The Johnson girls were inspired by Megan and Kayla. They too began a bead bracelet project and added their proceeds to the Anyi general fund. Westwood Community Church sponsored many summer fund raising projects including selling brats and nachos with cheese, and collecting pennies from Vacation Bible School donations.



Ettien, Tallie, Rob, and Steve: The Brat Experts

Visit to Literacy Classes

One of the highlights of my trip to the Ivory Coast this summer was the visit to two literacy classes. I was completely taken aback by the enthusiasm of the students. In spite of working hard on their farms all day, people muster enough energy to attend classes in the evening.



Students spelling a word for the teacher

The literacy class in my village has a dynamic and energetic teacher. As a result, the program has grown significantly in the past two years.



Literacy Students in Ettien's Village

Most literacy students are young adults, but in one village, I found a young boy who is learning to read and write Anyi. He is also enrolled in regular government school. I was so impressed that I took a picture with him:



Ettien and a Young Literacy Student

Building The Literacy Center

Another goal of my trip to the Ivory Coast was to get estimates of how much the Literacy Center will cost. The estimates range from \$ 85,000 to 100,000. Westwood Community Church, my church in St. Cloud, MN, has donated \$25,000 towards this effort. New Love in Christ Church, my home church in PA donated the money to purchase the property that you see here:



Ettien and Literacy Teachers on the Property

Upcoming Events and Prayer Requests

Mission Trip: From May 18th to June 4th a group of people will travel to the Ivory to help build the Literacy Center and to engage high school students in English language Evangelism. Please pray for the safety of the team and pray also for the people to whom we will be ministering.

Finances: Thanks a lot for your financial support over the years. Pray that we will be able to raise the \$10,000 needed to operate literacy classes in 2007.

Building Funds: About \$60,000 are needed by March 31st. Pray that God will bless us with the needed funds.

Peace Process in the Ivory Coast: The peace process is at a standstill. The rebels refuse to put down their weapons. Pray for a divine breakthrough.

Safety of the Literacy Workers: Please, pray for the safety of Yable, the literacy director, and his associates. They labor under difficult circumstances. Pray for God to encourage their hearts.

Tax-deductible Gifts: Make checks payable to:

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Thanks for partnering with me over the years. Your financial support, your words of encouragement, and your prayers mean a lot to me and to all the people involved in this vital and life-changing ministry among the Anyi people. Thanks for your faithfulness!

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We lay you down which means

"Thank You" in Anyi

Ettien Koffi