

# Projects To Do

## **Description:**

projects to do right now related to God's work around the world

**Aim:** to provide opportunities for active involvement with God's global plan, more than just dropping an offering in the plate

**Audience:** children through adults

**Time:** various

**Equipment:** as stated in each

**Scripture to Study:**  
Ephesians 2:10



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## **1. Connect with families that work overseas.**

- Wycliffe's Church Relations Department can help you connect with homeward bound families from your area, or those already in the area. Kids can learn about life overseas from those who've lived there. Phone (407) 852-3888 or email [church\\_relations\\_USA@wycliffe.org](mailto:church_relations_USA@wycliffe.org). The phone book lists other mission agencies in your area, too.
- Ask a family to speak to your class. They might bring some cool artifacts from around the world. Invite them to your home for dinner! Could you meet special needs? (Maybe they won't have winter clothing if coming home from several years in the tropics. Maybe they need a car, a home, pots and pans? You might even be able to help them move into their house, or set up their pantry!)

## **2. Tour a facility near your home that sends people overseas to serve the Lord.**

Or make plans to stop by while on vacation. For an extra-special treat, call to schedule a tour of these exciting sites especially designed to educate, entertain and inspire. Visit their websites if you prefer 'touring' from home or school!

**The Wycliffe Discovery Center** is the place to discover the amazing story of the Bible. Encounter people, languages, and cultures you've never seen before. It's about the art and science of translation. It's about how God's Word carries hope around the world to people in their own language. It's an interactive, cultural adventure! Discover how God preserved and spread the Bible throughout the world and throughout history.

### **Location: Wycliffe Bible Translators**

11221 John Wycliffe Blvd.

Orlando Florida 32832

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ask for the Discovery Center tour director

Email address: [wordspring\\_orlando@wycliffe.org](mailto:wordspring_orlando@wycliffe.org)

Website: [www.wycliffe.org/wordspring/](http://www.wycliffe.org/wordspring/)

**The International Museum of Cultures (IMC)** is a unique cultural anthropology museum, located in Southwest Dallas that features contemporary peoples from around the world. The gallery exhibits include interactive videos from Africa, Southeast Asia, Papua New Guinea, China, Mexico and Native America, in addition to an extensive drum exhibit accompanied by video programming.

**Location:**

7500 W. Camp Wisdom Rd

Dallas, TX 75236-5699

Phone (972)-708-7406

Email: [Info@internationalmuseumofcultures.org](mailto:Info@internationalmuseumofcultures.org)

Website: [www.internationalmuseumofcultures.org/home.htm/](http://www.internationalmuseumofcultures.org/home.htm/)

**The Museum of the Alphabet** traces the history of alphabets and other writing systems. Paintings, displays and artifacts explore ancient and modern alphabet makers, as well as writing systems for Braille, mathematics and music. A phoneme exhibit illustrates how modern alphabet makers discover the sounds in unwritten languages. And guests can have their names printed in non-Roman scripts at a specialized computer display.

**The Mexico-Cárdenas Museum** displays artifacts, costumes, photographs and folk art that illustrate early Bible translation and cross-cultural work in Mexico. The museum also highlights Lázaro Cárdenas, Mexico's president from 1934–1940. Cárdenas helped make it possible for the Summer Institute of Linguistics (now SIL International) to study language groups in Mexico.

**Location of both of these museums:**

JAARS Center

7405 Jaars Road

Waxhaw NC 28173-7004

(704)-843-6066

E-mail: [help\\_desk\\_jaars@sil.org](mailto:help_desk_jaars@sil.org)

Websites: [www.jaars.org/museum/alphabet/index.htm/](http://www.jaars.org/museum/alphabet/index.htm/) and

[www.jaars.org/getinvolved/visit/museums/](http://www.jaars.org/getinvolved/visit/museums/)

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### **3. Choose a Bibleless Peoples Prayer Project.**

If you contact the Wycliffe's Bibleless Peoples Prayer Project, they will send you the name of one of the more than 2000 Bibleless people groups for whom you can pray. You will also receive progress updates as information becomes available. Then one day, you will rejoice when your labors in prayer pay off and those people have the Bible in a language they can read! To get involved, write or call:

Bibleless Peoples Prayer Project  
Wycliffe Bible Translators  
P.O. Box 628200  
Orlando Florida 32862-8200  
Phone: 407-852-3600 or 1-800-WYCLIFFE (1-800-992-5433)  
[www.wycliffe.org/Pray/BiblelessPeoplesPrayerProject.aspx/](http://www.wycliffe.org/Pray/BiblelessPeoplesPrayerProject.aspx/)

### **4. Be a home along the way.**

Wycliffe workers often drive across the country, speaking to churches or traveling to see family. If you add your name to the Hospitality Ministry Roster, Wycliffe workers will contact you in advance if they are in need of overnight accommodations. Go to the website below to fill out an application to add your name to the Hospitality Roster. In doing so, you will not only minister to Wycliffe workers by saving them expensive motel bills and meals out, you will get to hear first-hand accounts of the exciting things God is doing around the world!

Wycliffe Associates  
Hospitality Ministry  
PO Box 620143  
Orlando, FL 32862  
Telephone: 1-800-THE-WORD (1-800-843-9673)  
Website: [www.wycliffeassociates.org/content.asp?pageid=6](http://www.wycliffeassociates.org/content.asp?pageid=6)

### **5. Create a quilt.**

God's servants coming home from tropical climates often need warm bedding. Even those from cold climates often just need something new and pretty! Team up a children's class with ladies in the church for a cross-generational mission project.

Use fabric tracing paper to trace outlines from Bible story color books onto 12-inch blocks of muslin. Each child can color in the picture with permanent markers, or fabric paints, even adding their names if they like. Now the ladies take over and sew all the blocks together, add batting and a few quilting stitches. There you have it! A warm winter quilt from your church to the global staff family of your choice. Several classes want to participate? How about a quilt for each member of the family?

**Notes:**

## **Help a Kidzone Team.**

These teams provide child care and vacation Bible school (VBS) for Wycliffe kids whose parents are attending annual conferences in their country of service. The Kidzone team could use new, clean, packaged baby blankets, small quilts, crib sheets and crib blankets. For more information contact:

Wycliffe Associates, Attention Linen Closet Coordinator  
11450 Translation Way  
Orlando, FL 32832  
Telephone: 1-800-THE-WORD (1-800-843-9673)  
Website: <http://www.wycliffeassociates.org/ministries/kidsministry.html>

## **7. Novel Ideas for Helping Children Love to Pray.**

See “Prayer Games”, another *Bright Ideas!* activity available at [www.wycliffe.org/Resources/Kids/FreeCurriculum/BrightIdeas.aspx](http://www.wycliffe.org/Resources/Kids/FreeCurriculum/BrightIdeas.aspx). Or go to [www.wycliffe.org/Resources/Kids/FreeCurriculum/PrayerLessons.aspx](http://www.wycliffe.org/Resources/Kids/FreeCurriculum/PrayerLessons.aspx) where you will find several fun, interactive lessons to help children connect with Bible translation around the world through prayer.

## **8. Service-Learning Projects.**

Learn about Senegal while helping children in Senegal learn to read their own language or color Scripture posters in one of three Ugandan languages for children learning to read and write in their language at [www.wycliffe.org/Resources/Kids/FreeCurriculum/SenegalGivingProject.aspx](http://www.wycliffe.org/Resources/Kids/FreeCurriculum/SenegalGivingProject.aspx)