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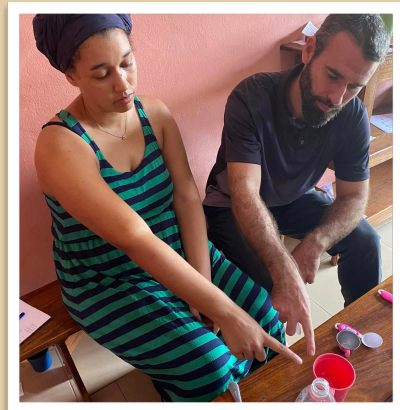
The 1st Douré Alphabet



4000 Hours of Language Study!

Earlier this year, missionaries Jeremy and Kimberly had the privilege of helping finalize the first-ever alphabet for the Douré people of Burkina Faso. They are still in full-time language study until they reach fluency and can begin translation.

Jacqueline and I are privileged to have played a small part in helping to train them for the immense yet critical task they are endeavoring.



Missionaries Kimberly & Jeremy



Presenting Alumni Coaching to a Group of EBI Students

Creating an Alphabet in an Indigenous Language

Many of the remaining 2500 Unreached Language Groups are oral societies; they don't even have a written language! In order to translate the Bible into their language, we must go through a process called *orthography*. We start by charting all of distinct sounds they produce (*phonetics*), then figure out which of those sounds the native speaker sees as distinct (*phonemics*), then finally produce an alphabet that has letters/characters representing each of those sounds (*orthography*). It is a difficult process, but is well worth the effort in order to translate the scriptures into their native language so they can finally read it for themselves.

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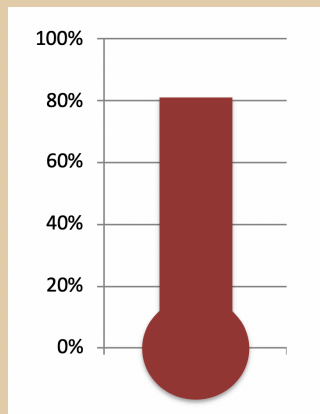
Thankfully Ethnos360 has developed a training program designed specifically to prepare our missionaries for this unique type of missionary work that we do. Jacqueline and I went through this training ourselves about 20 years ago, and now we have the privilege of assisting others who are going through this training process.



Keith Teaching Phonetics in 2008

Financial Needs

We have been below our support level for several years and are looking to God to get to 100%.



We are at 80% of our Support Level

Ways You Can Help

1 Regular Giving

Regular monthly or annual contributions are what we rely on for our living and ministry expenses. Please consider giving regularly or a small increase in your regular giving, if you are able.

2 One-Time Gifts

Another way to help is a one-time gift, which can help make up for the shortage in regular giving.

3 Share with Others

Please consider sharing our situation with others so they too can be a part of this ministry.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for our financial needs and good health
- Please pray for the continued success of Alumni Coaching
- Please pray for more missionaries!

Alumni Coaching - EBI Online

For the past several years Jacqueline and I have been working with EBI (Ethnos360 Bible Institute) Alumni to help establish a strong home church relationship, develop their ministry skills and stay the course as they transition through the stages of training with Ethnos360. Jacqueline worked closely with all three of these ladies and she is so proud of them!



Emma, Ellie & Lydia Just Completed Advanced Linguistics!

"They take a relational and practical approach to preparing us for this new life we are walking into." - Dan



Dan & Madison at the Ethnos360 Missionary Training Center in MO

I had the privilege of meeting Dan and Madison through facilitating an EBI Online Bible course. We continued our relationship as we coached them through getting to the next phase of training at our Missionary Training Center in Missouri. They shared their testimony in this 2 min video we encourage you to watch.

<https://youtu.be/pIemH1wn-Jo>

Partnership Opportunity

Your Investment in Our Ministry Helps:

- Raise awareness about the remaining 2500 Unreached People Groups
- Engage volunteers to serve Ethnos360 HQ and Training Centers
- Challenge others to consider going as missionaries
- Train and disciple missionary candidates
- Coach candidates as they move through the training process
- Assist US churches to develop focused missions programs
- Direct charitable giving beyond the .01% average amount that goes to reaching Unreached People Groups
- Share in the success of the front-line missionaries that we have helped train

Would you consider partnering with us? As we each play our part, the Gospel continues to move out towards the remaining Unreached People Groups.

Have a wonderful Christmas!



Keith & Jacqueline

*With Love,
Keith & Jacqueline*