



# Fraser & Liz Bennett

## Ministry Partners Newsletter

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*If you give the scroll to someone who cannot read, and say, "Read this, please," they will answer, "I don't know how to read." —Isaiah 29:12*

## BIG CHANGES AHEAD!

**FRASER HAS JUST ACCEPTED A NEW ROLE IN SIL LEAD!** Because **you** have been a partner in our ministry, we want you to be among the first to know.

**What is "SIL LEAD"?** SIL LEAD connects SIL literacy experts to government-funded education projects in minority language communities. ("LEAD" stands for "Language, Education, and Development.") You can read about SIL LEAD at [sil-lead.org](http://sil-lead.org).

**Why does SIL LEAD matter?** 80 years ago, the founders of Wycliffe had a **holistic ministry vision**: they wanted to translate God's word into every language so that Bibleless people groups would find eternal life in Christ, *and* they wanted these communities on the margins of society to become *literate*, in order to strengthen their social and economic status.

**We want everyone everywhere to be able to read God's life-giving Word!**

Recently, governments have realized that their educational development programs need to use local languages—and SIL is in demand, as *the* experts on grass-roots education in minority languages. You might even say that SIL LEAD is like Moses' mother,

being paid to nurse her own baby!

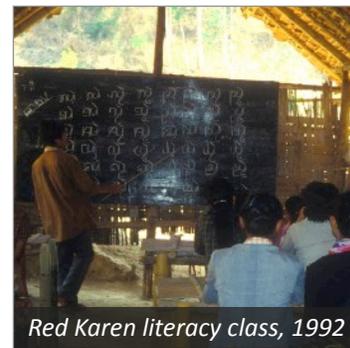
## Q+A

**Q. Will you still be part of Wycliffe?**

**A. Yes,** Wycliffe will re-assign Fraser from his current role in SIL to SIL LEAD.

**Q. Why make a change? I thought Fraser was focused on training translators.**

**A.** We care about training—but ever since Fraser's earliest days in Thailand, we have seen how important literacy is for discipleship and church growth. Just like Wycliffe's founders, we want to see God bless all the families of the earth, now and eternally!



*Red Karen literacy class, 1992*

**Q. So, what will Fraser be doing in SIL LEAD?**

**A.** Fraser will manage SIL LEAD projects, and also train others to use BLOOM, SIL's award-winning software for creating books for new readers.

**Q. Will you still need financial support?**

**A. Yes!** We will still be supported through contributions to Wycliffe. (SIL LEAD will supplement our Wycliffe support, but most of our funding will still come through Wycliffe.)

***We'll still be financially supported through Wycliffe.***

***We'll still need people to pray for us!***

## Will you go with us?

We're excited about this new ministry to the "least" people groups of the world. **Will you still partner with us in prayer and finances?** Do let us know—we'd love to hear from you.

*Fraser & Liz*

