

**LEAH DOTY**  
**WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS**  
**(WITH ON-THE-GROUND SUPPORT FROM SIL\*)**  
**UNNAMED COUNTY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**



*[In November 2021, the HPC Missionary Care committee, finding Leah Doty in all ways fully dedicated, qualified and competent to serve as a missionary, recommended to the Session that our church support her with all the prayer, encouragement and financial support we are able to provide. Session approved, and support for Leah began in first quarter 2022.]*

Leah has a long family history of faithful service to God on the mission field. She is the daughter of Wycliffe missionaries Steve and Margie Doty, whom we at HPC have been supporting since 1997. At that time they were serving in Nairobi, Kenya, while raising their family of three children, Sara, age 10; Luke, age 7; and Leah who was just 5 years old. Leah's grandmother, Carolyn Miller, and her husband served with Wycliffe in Vietnam and were captured and endured a long captivity along with their daughter Margie, Leah's mother. Carolyn wrote an exciting book about the ordeal entitled, *Captured!* A copy is available in our church library.

The Doty family moved to Thailand in 2001, where Leah lived until leaving for college in the US. In 2014 she graduated from Houghton College in New York with a BA in Inter-cultural Studies and Biblical Studies and joined Wycliffe soon after. In 2015 she returned to Thailand and trained with Wycliffe at Payap University there before being assigned in 2017 to work with the small people-group with whom she continues to work in a neighboring Southeastern Asian country. While on this assignment, Leah continued her studies at Payap University and, in 2020, graduated with her MA in Linguistics.

As Christians are not permitted to openly do missionary work where Leah is assigned, she has secular employment there. While performing the duties of that job she is also learning the obscure language of the indigenous people—one that has never had a written form. Her goal is to master the language sufficiently orally to be able to create a written form into which she will be able to translate Scripture—so that the Word of God may be accurately shared among families and friends of that region for generations to come. As she develops the characters for the written language and struggles with the cultural implications of each word of Scripture, Leah is also sharing the love of God with the people with whom she lives and works. She has formed friendships and found helpers. Surely, her work is blessed.

The HPC Missionary Care Committee has known the Doty family for more than 20 years, and has followed Leah's progress from afar since she was a five-year-old child. We have in recent years met twice with the adult Leah: once when she visited with her mother and dad in 2014 as a recent college graduate; and again in 2019 when she came alone and shared with us about her work on her present assignment described above.

*\* SIL is basically the organization in the field, accepting members from many countries to do the work with the target communities, while Wycliffe is the sending organization, accepting American members and managing their finances and other things to do with the home country. Colleagues from other countries have other sending organizations doing for them what Wycliffe does for Leah.*

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