

## Steve & Beth Ervin



Steve graduated with a BA from Mount Vernon Nazarene University with majors in both accounting and computer science. Earned a Master's of Accountancy degree from Miami University, Ohio and is a CPA.

- Assistant professor of accounting at Mount Vernon Nazarene University for 4 years. Set up their first Computer applications of accounting course, when PC's were first becoming available.
- Controller of 2 different companies in Columbus, Ohio, one small and one mid-sized over a period of 10 years. Worked extensively in automating manual procedures as well as maintaining all the normal responsibilities of a controller.
- Finance Director for the West African region of a relief and development organization for 6 years. Responsible for supervision of a food distribution program for refugees as well as commodity sales to generate funds.
- Senior Tax Manager at several CPA firms in Columbus Ohio during 12 tax seasons, preparing Individual, corporate and partnership tax returns.
- Worked in a number of finance positions with Wycliffe/SIL since 2004. Worked extensively on their accounting system conversion project in Dallas as well as all their branches in Africa. Has worked with 6 different African National Bible Translation Organizations on their accounting systems. Has traveled to over 16 countries doing various audits, consulting, system installations and CFO work.

Beth Ervin received her BA Degree in Christian Education and an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education from Taylor University in 1993. She has taught for 23 years in early elementary classrooms. The last ten of those years have been overseas with Wycliffe teaching in schools for children of missionaries.

Growing up in a missions minded church, Beth was always open to missions but was never sure if that is what God had for her. As she prayed about getting involved in missions, God just said "wait...not yet". After graduating from Taylor, she began teaching Kindergarten in a Christian school in Ohio. Beth taught for 13 years, mostly Kindergarten and one year of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

Towards the end of her 13 years of teaching in Ohio, God finally said "now is the time". She knew God was calling her to go overseas with Wycliffe and support Bible Translation by teaching in schools for missionary children.

In 2007 she began by teaching early elementary grades in Cameroon for 2 ½ years before getting married. She and her husband then served with Wycliffe for 6 months out of each year. Beth would teach for the first semester of each school year, filling in for teachers who were on furlough or medical leave, etc. During this time she taught in schools for missionary children in Thailand, Papua New Guinea, Mexico, as well as Cameroon. During this period of time she taught everything between Kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Beth most recently returned in June of 2017 from teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for a whole school year in Papua New Guinea.

Currently Steve and Beth are helping JAARS with its Missions at the Airport Program as well as helping Wycliffe and SIL with various recruiting efforts which include speaking at Christian Universities about how students can use their skills while helping in the area of Bible Translation.