

# John & Lisa Pepper

Serving Bible Translation with JAARS Land Transportation Department



Sensing a call to full time Christian service, John and Lisa, struggled to find a match for their skillsets and a ministry to use them in. In 1985 John attended a mission conference where he met a recruiter for Wycliffe Bible Translators. After attending a JAARS Day event in Waxhaw they knew exactly what they were supposed to do.

After pre-field training, they moved to France for French language study and then on to their assignment in Cote d'Ivoire, a country in West Africa, to be the Computer Center Manager there. After almost a year and a half in country there was a coup d'état and John, Lisa and their 6 year old son Caleb were evacuated with the other members in the branch.

After this furlough, John and Lisa moved to Waxhaw, where John would discover the newly formed Land Transportation Department. As often happens in ministry work, being flexible and using life experience, John was able to write a four wheel drive safety and maintenance manual and start teaching a course to Bible translation team members who would be serving in remote areas. Later, he used his passion for motorcycles to do the same for a motorcycle rider safety and maintenance course. Now John travels to many countries teaching these courses to national ministry team members as well as expatriates who will serve the peoples of the world who need the Bible in the language they understand best.

Lisa works at JAARS in the Learning and Development Department where she assists in training new missionaries to prepare them for successful field service in their cross-cultural environments. Pre-field training preparation has been a key factor in the longevity of career missionaries serving around the world.

John and Lisa have two children, Caleb, who Graduated from North Greenville University, and is married living in the Portland, Oregon area.

Ruslan, who is working in the Charlotte, NC area.

John and Lisa love serving the Lord by using the gifts and talents He has given them by helping to prepare others to translate and spread the Gospel of Jesus to the ends of the earth.