



Raymond Daniel & Mary Lynne Wills

Serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators

Dan and Mary Lynne met in McDonalds' parking lot one rainy evening. Dan was waiting to pick up his sister when he saw Mary Lynne (who was on crutches) struggling to get in her car. They were married on July 14, 1984. They have two boys- Troy Nathan, born on September 30, 1990 and Justin Daniel, born on November 1, 1993.

Dan was raised in the Catholic faith and Mary Lynne was raised in the Lutheran faith. Both accepted Jesus as their savior during their junior high school years. As the demands of their jobs kept them from church, God became less of a priority in their lives. During their first year of marriage Mary Lynne attended church with a co-worker and realized that she was really missing something. Several weeks later she asked Jesus to be not only her savior, but master of her life. Dan saw the changes in Mary Lynne and they started attending different churches. They couldn't find a church where they both felt comfortable so they went back to the Lutheran Church. Mary Lynne continued to pray that Dan would be born again.

In 1991 Dan became reunited with a friend who had moved away. His friend Greg was not the same person anymore. Greg had become a Christian. Dan and Mary Lynne attended Christian concerts with Greg and his wife Lori. During this time the Lord was working on Dan's heart. During the summer of 1990 while attending Creation, a Christian retreat, Dan accepted Jesus as his savior. The Wills began attending Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church and soon became members.

While attending Trinity E.C. Church they had their first exposure to missions and missionaries. After each missionary visit the Wills would leave church very excited. On Father's Day of 1993, Dan rededicated his life to the Lord. He decided it was time to give the Lord his whole life and not just the bits and pieces that he wanted to surrender. Dan had felt for some time that the Lord wanted him to do something else with his abilities so he started looking into Christian organizations to see if there was a need for a graphic artist. While having dinner with Rev. Larry and Betty Seiger they discussed and prayed about the idea of looking into mission organizations.

After filling out a preliminary questionnaire with Wycliffe Bible Translators, a representative from Dallas, TX contacted the Wills and several weeks later flew to PA to meet them. Wycliffe definitely had a need for a graphic artist.

In July of 1999, the Wills family moved to Dallas, TX to begin their first assignment with Wycliffe. Dan worked in the International Publishing Department where the completed translations are typeset and proofed before going to the printer. In 2001 Dan was asked to take over as manager of the print shop. Mary Lynne worked in the hospitality department and volunteered as a tutor at the school their boys attended.

In 2003, the Wills started thinking about taking an overseas assignment. Dan was asked to go to Australia to update their print shop; however he was unable to obtain a visa. They were then asked to serve under the Indonesia Branch at a Limited Access Project (LAP) site in the Philippines. The Wills arrived in the Philippines in December of 2003. Dan served as the Assistant Center Director in charge of the day-to-day operations. Most of the completed translations for South-East Asia were typeset at this LAP site so Dan was also able to use his

graphic skills. Mary Lynne spent her mornings as an education assistant tutoring a student in math and reading and spent her afternoons in the finance department.

The Wills returned to serve at the JAARS Center in NC in 2006. Dan currently is the Center Service Director, He over see's 7 different departments and works with many different people through out the day, and Mary Lynne is working in the accounting office. They can be found wearing many different hats at times. Their hearts are still in the Philippines, however, and they hope to return to service overseas after their boys finish high school in the USA.

