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**Wycliffe Bible Translators**  
**Mexico**

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**Bruce grew up in Gray, Me. He graduated from Philadelphia College of the Bible with degrees in Bible and Secondary Education. Seven years after he graduated, he joined Wycliffe. Heather graduated with a degree in chemistry and received a MA from Biblical Theological Seminary. After training with Wycliffe, she spent a year in Nigeria doing linguistic survey among the Fulani people group. Upon returning to the USA, she met Bruce and they were married. Bruce decided to specialize in the field of Literacy and Heather's main focus is translation. After receiving more training with Wycliffe, they completed a year of Spanish language study in Costa Rica before entering Mexico full time in July 2001. They are working with the Soyaltepec, Mazatec people group. A writing system has been worked out for their language, but so far there has not been much published. They have no access to the Bible in Soyaltepec and generally, do not understand Spanish well enough to understand the gospel. Bruce and Heather hope to be able to translate the Bible in this language as well as encourage adult literacy. They are also starting to create a dictionary in this language. Please pray that the Beals are able to quickly learn the language and its nuances (a very difficult task). The Beals continue to be involved in intensive language study.**

**First EFC of Maine has supported the Beals since 2000.**

Birthday: Bruce – February 18, Heather – September 22, Michaela – Sept 10, 2002, Joshua–December 9, 2004

Anniversary: June 20, 1998

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