



Dave Ohlson, President, Wycliffe Canada and Dr. Chris Elford, VP Academic, RMC sign the partnership agreement



Rocky Mountain College is pleased to announce that we have signed an agreement with Wycliffe Canada to partner together to equip people to be able to serve as a team member in translation of the Bible and literacy training. Students in RMC's new Diploma in Global Studies program will be able to use programs from Wycliffe's partner, CanIL at Trinity Western University in Langley, BC, as part of their RMC program. The CanIL programs provide job-ready skills in linguistics.

Wycliffe teams work with indigenous communities to assist them in such tasks as:

- developing an alphabet for oral languages
- analyzing the grammatical and sound patterns of languages
- producing print or audio materials in newly translated or written languages

RMC will provide the Biblical, Theological, Spiritual Formation, and Intercultural courses plus the "on the job" practical experience that will equip students in this brand new program to be effective team members of agencies which are bringing justice and the gospel to people around the world.

The Wycliffe/CanIL programs will equip people to be:

- [Language Learner](http://summer.canil.ca/track-langlearn.html) for more info go to: <http://summer.canil.ca/track-langlearn.html>
- [Literacy Intern](http://summer.canil.ca/track-literacy.html) for more info go to: <http://summer.canil.ca/track-literacy.html>
- [Language Surveyor](http://summer.canil.ca/track-survey.html) for more info go to: <http://summer.canil.ca/track-survey.html>

**Language Learners** are trained how to hear and produce sounds of the world's languages and how to communicate in any language. With these skills people are able to work with people of other language groups in many different ways.

**Literacy Interns** work with translation teams and develop literacy materials, train teachers and encourage reading and writing. They work with local community members, teaching people to read and write, and endeavoring to establish literacy as a community value.

**Language Surveyors** do basic sociolinguistic fieldwork, collecting solid data to answer vital questions: How closely are dialects and languages related? How many translations are needed in a country or region? Where and how should translation projects be started?



**Wycliffe Partnership Agreement Signing Event**

Left to Right: Jason Berry, 4<sup>th</sup> Year Intercultural Studies student at RMC and Wycliffe Canada Candidate; Prof. Cliff Wiebe, Director of Intercultural Studies at RMC; Derryl Friesen, Director of NextGen Ministries, Wycliffe Canada; Dave Jeffries, Director of Academic Affairs, CanIL; Dave Ohlson, President, Wycliffe Canada; Dr. Chris Elford, VP Academic at RMC