

In the Image of God

Faces and Souls that Reflect their Creator

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Artists of Wycliffe Bible Translators

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Hyatt Moore is a past executive director of Wycliffe and has served with the Bible translators for many years. He is also an artist and knows many other artists in that community including fellow translators, their spouses, and their children. These people are uniquely positioned in some of the most interesting places in the world, translating the Bible into more languages than you would imagine existed on earth so that indigenous peoples everywhere can have the Scriptures in their own first or “mother” tongue.

It’s not all work at Wycliffe, however. Some, apparently many, spend time sketching, painting, or even sculpting what they see in their fields: people in the act of everyday living. Moore himself is the major contributor, but there are dozens of other artists represented in this gallery-quality edition of prints.

The subjects are somber, happy, regal, at leisure, stylized, curious, old, young, artists themselves, working, playing, and some even reading (presumably a Wycliffe sponsored translation).

At least as valuable as the images are the reflections that Moore has inserted into each page. Reflections on the Creator and those created in his image. Reflections on modernity and the ancient wisdom. Reflections on what we are and how that is like the Creator, and what we can yet become.

Marching through this volume in a few hours clearly was not the right approach. Having retired **The Earth From Above** after having gone through it week by week for two years, I am going to replace it with **In the Image of God** in my Sunday meditations, just looking at a page or two each week and thinking on what the artists have to say in their various media. Savoring this for a year is more what the creator, and the Creator, would have had in mind.

Last fall we hosted Wycliffe missionaries Paul and Sue Hoiland in our home while they were traveling the country, part vacation and part work among their supporters nationwide. On the day they left, we found **In the Image of God** on our coffee table with a thank you note and prayer cards for their ministry.

Au contraire ... *Thank You!*

Such gifts are not mere tokens; they approach the essence of what life is about.