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Dave & Kay Henry help Sakha believers produce Christian literature in their heart language.

Meet the Henrys and you'll find a passion for Christian literature.

When they joined InterAct in 1986, they brought their love for print communication in heart languages with them, having already served 28 years with Wycliffe.

In 1993, they began ministering to the Sakha (Yakut) people in Russia with itinerant evangelism, discipleship and training, and facilitating national Christians to develop literature in their own language—all with the goal of spiritually strengthening the emerging Yakut National Church.



Dave holds Yakut-language children's books

Thanks to the financial help of Tyndale House Foundation, InterAct rejoices with the Henrys in the fall release of four children's teaching/evangelistic books in the Yakut language.

When the Ukrainian publisher gave a set of the booklets to a young Yakut mother on the plane, she received them with tears of joy. "We don't have anything like this in our Yakut language."

Sakha believer, Zoya, recently spoke about the impact David and Kay have made on her people.

"Almost all Yakut believers know David and Kay personally. They have traveled to many villages in our large republic."

Zoya and her husband, Valeri, live in a Sakha about 500 kilometers from Yakutsk. Valeri pastors the only church and Zoya teaches English in the high school.



Zoya and Valeri [l to r] are church leaders in Krest-Khaljai.

"We thank the Lord that he sent us God's children like David and Katya (Kay)," Zoya says. "We know David and Kay could live a better and easier life with their children and grandchildren in America, but they have left that life to bring God's Word to unbelievers in Yakutia. They help translate songs and literature in the Yakut language and then print them."

Zoya's words express deeply held appreciation for the Henrys. "Our believers have received much spiritual help from them. In simple words, we admire them and thank the Lord for them."

[Editor's note ~ InterAct missionary Gracia Stiefel helped prepare this story.]

