WOMEN WHO CAN READ HAVE CHILDREN WHO LIVE LONGER.

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My friend Dave has written an extremely powerful piece for the Wycliffe Bible Translators Magazine; Words for Life.

> *AnÃ©e wept bitterly as she held her baby close to her chest. She was filled with a confusion of anger, grief and guilt. She was supposed to have taken the medicine herself and the baby would have benefitted through her milk. But she didnâ€™t understand the doctorâ€™s instructions, and she canâ€™t read, so she gave the medicine directly to her baby. Her newborn daughter died from a tragic and avoidable overdose. Information poverty kills...*
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> *Children who learn to read and write in their mother tongue before bridging to the official language flourish and fly, while those who have to do it all in French often flounder and fail. It still troubles me that while in the UK only six children out of 1,000 live births die before the age of five, in Chad itâ€™s 200 children. So many of those deaths are avoidable. There is a direct link between mothers being able to read and infant mortality. Mothers who can read have children who live longer.*

I strongly encourage you to read the whole article, you won't regret it. You can download the magazine here, the article starts on page 5