



EURASIA

Pray for Zero

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PRAYING FOR BIBLE TRANSLATION:
A DAY-BY-DAY JOURNAL



Eurasia

People around the world may see devastating news headlines about the region of Eurasia, but faithful Bible translators are working behind the scenes every day to bring the light and peace of Christ. Translation work in this area is challenging because of security concerns, geographically difficult-to-reach areas, and oppressive political and religious situations.

Seed Company works with 14 strong managing partner organizations in Eurasia. Many of these ministries facilitate Scripture translation and engagement not only within their own borders but also in nearby countries. Churches, church planters, and other mission organizations contribute to bringing God's Word to those who still lack Scripture in their own languages. Trusting partnerships, cooperative teamwork, and faithful intercession are crucial in this challenging region.

Let's ask God to accelerate the day when every people group in Eurasia begins their first translation of his Word.

Because this region presents numerous security risks, asterisks have been used throughout this prayer journal to indicate when a pseudonym is being used.



Regional Praise

Praise God that five people groups in Eurasia are about to receive the complete New Testament in their languages! After working diligently since 2006, the Koid*, Darata* , North Warmi* , and South Warmi* teams finally sent their New Testaments to the printers in March, and the Hakid* team expects to send their New Testament to the printers this month. Seed Company's new Scripture Publication Program will help cover most of the publishing costs. Thank God with us for this huge accomplishment!

PRAY

Only a small percentage of people who speak these languages follow Jesus. Pray that the published New Testaments in the hands of faithful believers will lead many people who speak these languages to Christ!



Koid translators recording Genesis



North Warmi Oral Bible Storytelling



Darata festival celebrating their language



Koid Sunday School



Oral Bible Storytelling program in Koid village

Monday

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

— Mark 16:15 (NLT)

PRAY FOR BIBLELESS PEOPLE GROUPS The Deaf in Eurasia

Only about 2% of Deaf people worldwide have been introduced to the good news of Christ, according to [Deaf Bible Society](#). Over 60 sign languages in Eurasia have no Scripture, making the need for Bible translation and outreach urgent. Today, Deaf ministry leaders from many Eurasia countries are convening to discuss how to engage the sign languages in this region.

"Deaf people often feel they have to read a printed Bible to know God. However, the truth is that God signs, too". — Jeremy Roe, Deaf Bible Society

PRAY

For God to guide these leaders and provide the resources and strategies they need to reach Eurasian Deaf people with the gospel.

PRAISE

For the unity across language and cultural lines that the meeting of these leaders represents.

See what the “JESUS” film looks like in Persian Sign Language:



Pray Now

In one Eurasian country, the Internet has been shut down and the government is killing its people. Despite the danger, translators have continued distributing Bibles and even been able to share their testimonies with persecutors.



Pray Now

The Bella people in Eurasia have no known churches, but there are a few believers in a refugee camp. On March 17, their translation consultant passed away suddenly. Pray for his family and for the partners involved. Even as they grieve, they want to find a way to get the project to the finish line so Bella people can receive God's Word.

Tuesday

God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

— 1 Corinthians 1:9 (NLT)

PRAY FOR PARTNERS The Word For The World: Europe

Seed Company partner [The Word For The World](#) provides a topnotch training program that is required for all translators. In addition, each team has its own exegete (an expert in Scripture interpretation), access to a translation consultant, and excellent project management. These benefits help the Roma translation teams in Serbia and Croatia achieve their goals consistently ahead of schedule.

PRAISE

One Roma team has completed more than twice the amount that was planned! They're now drafting extra books of the Bible that weren't on their official goal list.

**Watch Roma translators
singing a worship song:**



PRAY

Ask God to give team members wisdom to balance translation work, church ministries, and family responsibilities.

Pray Now

Ask God to help the Ukrainian Roma translators and their families forced by the war to move to Bulgaria, Germany, and other areas. Pray that they can adjust to their new environments and effectively continue translation work.



Wednesday

But Gideon replied, “I will not rule over you, nor will my son. The LORD will rule over you!”

— Judges 8:23 (NLT)

تار جدعونئي ايٿان نين كيئون كي، ”نامون تمان مائي حكومت كرش هان

نا وري مارو جيچرو پڻ پرميشورز تمان مائي حكومت كوشي.“

— Judges 8:23 (translated recently into Darata*, a West Asian language that will soon have the full New Testament published and now has Old Testament translation in progress)

PRAY FOR EURASIAN TRANSLATORS RECOVERING FROM FLOODING

In a war-torn country, the people of the Yeshua Al Noor* Bible translation project live in encampments on the margins of society. They have no citizenship status, so they can't get passports or travel visas. They have no access to schools, hospitals, or other public institutions.

Some make a living cleaning houses or collecting garbage, while others resort to illegal activities.

Most people this project is aiming to reach follow another major world religion. Yet amid the darkness, small churches are growing. And faithful local Bible translators are bringing the light of God's Word.

Pray Now

Many translators lost everything when the camps where they live flooded recently. Pray for God's nearness, provision, protection, and restoration.

PRAY FOR EURASIAN TRANSLATORS RECOVERING FROM AN EARTHQUAKE

One Bible translation team was drafting John when they were hit by a devastating earthquake. Amidst the desperation and rubble, however, the translated Gospel of Luke is bringing the light of eternal hope to survivors.

PRAISE

- Though the government views translations in minority languages as a threat, some minority-owned bookstores are selling the Gospel of Luke.
- Translators continue to draft John's Gospel even in the earthquake's aftermath.

PRAY

- That God will help one translator (not yet a believer) determine if it is safe to return to her house.
- That the project manager and social media coordinator, away at the time of the disaster and unable to return soon, will find a way to minister to their people from a distance.
- For the more than 150,000 people who have been left homeless.



Thursday

Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

— Ephesians 4:12 (NLT)

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS Interacting With Cultures*

Seed Company's Growth Partners team works with other organizations to help them expand their influence and fulfill their potential in God's kingdom. One client, Interacting With Cultures, is seeing God move in amazing ways as they translate Bible stories into heart languages that are easier for Muslims to understand.

For example, they help connect the story of Adam and Eve with the fact that we were made in God's image and that Jesus is the second and better Adam. They also help them understand that God promised to bless all the nations through a descendant of Abraham—the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

PRAISE

For the growth and impact that Interacting With Cultures has seen.

PRAY

For God to bless and multiply their influence as they work with Growth Partners.



Pray for the Taqt* People of Eurasia

What if God's Word was not available in your language, or you weren't able to read it publicly without severe repercussions? This is the reality for the few believers hidden among the Taqt people. There is no culturally acceptable way to leave one's religion in this society, so Christians feel pressured to observe the practices of another major world religion. But praise God that the New Testament is almost complete in their language! The Taqt team plans to publish it to a Bible app in early June and dedicate it in the United States in July.

Pray Now

Ask that publishing plans for the Taqt New Testament will go smoothly so it can be distributed to a wide audience, and that God would use it for his kingdom.



Friday

Rise up, O Lord, in all your power. With music and singing we celebrate your mighty acts.

— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

IMPACT STORY

“I Waited 32 Years for This!”

The Gali* Sign Language team in Eurasia published video recorded translations of Ruth and Esther. The following comments show the enthusiastic responses of Gali Deaf to the work:

“Such high standards! And professional quality! As a young girl, I dreamed of the Bible stories being told visually. I waited 32 years for this!”

“The language is clear, and the presentation is so elegant!”

Having such a beautiful, well-done translation sets an example of excellence and conveys value to the typically marginalized Deaf community.

PRAISE

These expressions of appreciation for their hard work encouraged the translators. They were glad to make the community proud.

PRAY

That God will help the team continue to work together in harmony and cooperation.



Praise God

God protected printed translated copies of Luke–Acts, which were stored in a recently liberated Ukrainian city before translators fled the invading Russian army. Pray for distribution of these to the Crimean Roma people.



Ukrainian Roma team members

[Learn more about what God is doing among the Crimean Roma and other Roma people groups.](#)

*THE JOURNEY TO ZERO IS ULTIMATELY A
JOURNEY OF PRAYER WHERE THE COUNTLESS
PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS COUNT FOR
EVERYTHING.*

