

Eurasia

We may read devastating news headlines about the region of Eurasia, but faithful Bible translators are working behind the scenes to bring the light and peace of Christ. Trusting partnerships, cooperative teamwork, and faithful intercession are crucial in this challenging region.

PARTNERSHIPS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We work with 14 strong managing partner organizations in Eurasia, including churches, church planters, and other mission organizations.	Many ministries use translated Scripture not only within their own borders but also in nearby countries through broadcast, diaspora, and refugee outreach.	Security concerns, geographically difficult-to-reach areas, and oppressive political and religious situations all pose challenges to Bible translation.

Let’s join in praying Habakkuk 2:14 over Eurasia: “For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.” Lord, we ask you to accelerate the day when every people group in Eurasia knows your glory, revealed through your Word.

[>>Watch Video: “Sacrifice for Zero”](#)

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

Now Tabib* Deaf of Eurasia Can Know Jesus

Before, Tabib Deaf people didn't believe they could follow Jesus because they didn't know the Bible, which is usually communicated in print or orally in their region.

Since then, Luke's Gospel has been translated and can now be viewed on Facebook! In addition, the partner organization has completed Acts in sign language and begun distributing it. At the dedication celebration, even those who follow the area's majority religion gladly received the material because it's so rare to find anything in sign language. The Tabib team is currently translating John's Gospel and John 1-3.

PRAY

For wisdom as the partner works with Deaf people in the region to develop translation projects for three other sign languages.

PRAISE

The message of Acts will encourage Tabib believers who face opposition from the majority religion.

Monday

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 A BIBLELESS PEOPLE GROUP Savari* of Eurasia

Savari people, numbering 1.8 million, are one of the most unreached people groups of the region. They are also difficult to reach; other countries have placed sanctions on the area where Savari people live for political and religious reasons.

Savari people speak one of three major dialects in the area. Some grow fruit and rice, and others work in urban areas. Most identify as followers of the area's majority religion but may not be strict in their religious practices. Praise God that several underground house churches exist in their region.

PRAY

- For safety of the underground house churches and Savari translators.
- That God will meet the translators' financial needs despite economic hardship caused by the sanctions.
- For protection from the fallout of the uprising against the religious regime that started 12 months ago.

PRAISE

A project is planned to engage all three dialects in translating God's Word!

Pray for Two Bibleless Languages in Development

Pray Now

A project is in the works to translate heart language Scripture into Northern Ireland Sign Language for the first time ever! Ask God to provide the right technical partner and translation consultant for this project.

Pray Now

Two languages in North Africa are in the pipeline. We've found potential translators for one language. Pray for translators for the other language. Please pray for wisdom and protection to get projects started in these closed communities.

Tuesday

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

— Romans 10:14 (NLT)

PRAY FOR A BIBLELESS PEOPLE GROUP **Asitsalem* of Eurasia**

Asitsalem (population 27,500) is another of the people groups that will work together in the same project as Savari, which was featured on Monday. Asit, a current Seed Company project, is the northern version of the dialect. Asitsalem is the central version. These people are also highly unreached. Living in the beautiful green mountains, their economy is based on agriculture. At present, this region is too dangerous to have underground house churches. Believers connect through Zoom and social media.

PRAY

That God will protect translators and project staff from government scrutiny, economic difficulties, and general social instability.

PRAISE

Translation will all be produced as “Visual Scripture,” which is a verse or verses placed with an aesthetic visual (flowers, waterfalls, etc.) and music in the background. This format speaks to the hearts of people in this culture.

Pray for the Bella* Project in Eurasia

The Bella project is in a politically unstable region where most people follow a major world religion. Bella people have been strongly oppressed by the dominant culture. Many now live as refugees in other countries. The Bella New Testament was completed in 2015, and some Old Testament books have been translated. Written and audio Scriptures are available online and through an app.

Pray Now

[In April, we prayed for the Bella* team](#) after their consultant and project manager passed away unexpectedly. Praise God that since then, a team has pulled together to reorganize the project to see it come to a successful conclusion. Pray for heavenly wisdom as they strategize.

Wednesday

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

— Genesis 1:1

**LISTEN TO “THE CREATION OF THE WORLD” IN
THE ARACH* LANGUAGE OF EURASIA**

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Arach* in Eurasia

Translators for the Arach language (with over 500,000 speakers, about 99.7% of whom follow another major world religion) are producing 40 Old and New Testament oral Bible stories. Despite war in their country, they consider it a “great gift from God” that they can continue their work.

One Christian introduced the team to an aged artist who is famous among the Arach people. The translators report, “We did not know how the meeting would go or whether he would want to listen to our stories. But over two hours flew by!” He asked questions and shared ideas for improvement with the translators. The team rejoices, “Our meetings will continue. He awaits our new stories and always finds time for us.” Praise God for this open door with such an influential member of the community!

PRAY

- Most of the translators’ relatives do not yet believe. Ask God to work in their hearts as they listen to the stories.

PRAISE

- God helped translator Samira* recover after her surgery.
- They were recently able to record the first 10 stories with voice actors from the local theater!

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

Pray for Exegetes in Training

Exegetes are a vital part of translation teams, assisting with biblical analysis and interpretation. A program has been designed that takes aspiring exegetes through a six-workshop curriculum in one year to prepare them to work in Bible translation. So far, three groups including 22 people have completed this training! They are very excited and encouraged to pursue their callings in Bible translation.

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One of these exegetes in training is Sharon. She has a linguistics background and is currently pursuing a master of arts at a Biblica linguistic college. She will be an excellent consultant!

PRAY

- For the safety of these interns.
- For God to ease any financial burdens caused by severe inflation after uprisings in their country started about a year ago.

Pray for 12 Teams Completing the Psalms and New Testament

In January 2024, 12 language groups in Eurasia are planning to celebrate the dedication of the New Testament and Psalms, which will be available online. This involves lots of preparation, planning, and effort, especially from a security standpoint.

Pray Now

Please pray for the translators—most of whom have witnessed horrible killings, raids, and beatings on the streets in the conflict between government and freedom fighters—to continue to support each other with God’s Word and prayer.

Friday

Rise up, O Lord, in all your power. With music and singing we celebrate your mighty acts
— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

IMPACT STORY

Scripture Empowers Nomad* Believers

In March, staff member Ron* brought together four believers and one older Nomad translation team member to work through John, Revelation, and a discipleship training pamphlet. The four younger believers, who hadn't seen the translations before, said, "This translation just makes sense and will be easy to share with our community, compared to the confusing translations we've read in the major languages." On the last day, Ron and these five Nomad believers washed one another's feet, celebrated the Lord's Supper, and anointed two of them as local fellowship leaders.

Everyone returned home with a greater confidence that their ministries would be much more fruitful because of the power of Nomad Scripture!

PRAY

That the ministries of these believers will be enhanced by insights gained at these meetings.

Pray for the Ukrainian Roma Translation Team

Roma people have maintained a distinct identity since migrating to Ukraine in the 1400s. The majority identifies with Orthodox Christianity, though Crimean people identify as Muslim. Translated Scripture is helping these historically marginalized Roma people understand their value and worth in God's eyes.

Pray Now

For the exegete of one of the Ukrainian Roma teams, who is separated from his family after fleeing Ukraine. He can't return to visit them because he is of fighting age and would have to leave the project for the military.