



PRAYER PROMPTS

Here's a list of current prayer requests from each of the eleven regions where we serve. May these stories and needs inspire your continued prayers for those who are still longing to experience the full counsel of God. *All Scripture, All People.*

Mainland Asia

- Please pray with us that God will prepare the way for us to engage 20 new languages in translation projects in a country hostile to Christianity.
- Several countries in Asia are anti-Christian. As a result, interrogations or threats create fear and discouragement amongst mother tongue translators. Pray that God will give them courage, discernment, and strength to endure.
- A country in this region is in its 5th year of civil war. Pray for peace, deliverance, and, above all, that Christ will become known.

Eurasia

- A team will soon be posting the Lord's Prayer in mother tongue on a social media video. Please pray for this process to go smoothly and for the Lord's Prayer to plant seeds in the hearts of the people, who have been fearful of communicating due to conflicts in the region. Pray that many will be curious and interest about God's Word will increase.
- Ask God to stir up local believers in sensitive regions of our land. Pray that they would so desire to have God's Word in their language that they, of their own volition, would seek to become involved in Bible translation.
- A country in this region is finding it difficult to operate as Christians and citizens. The atmosphere is extremely uncomfortable, and daily life is stressful as citizens are always looking out for danger. Pray for translators working under these difficult conditions.

Islands Asia

- There are many translation activities in one nation slated for next quarter, including meetings with consultants to check draft translations. Please pray for all these checks to be completed on time and without obstacles—and that nothing would hinder the completion of these new books! Teams are facing persecution in the form of increased scrutiny from government authorities. Local churches are now being visited and monitored by the police, specifically to discourage influence and support from “outsiders.”
- Praise the Lord that typesetting is almost complete for the New Testament for a language group in the Philippines. Pray for the team as they proofread all the books in preparation for printing. Pray against spiritual attacks that could delay publication of the New Testament. Pray that God would prepare the people to receive and respond to His Word in their language.



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Congo Basin

- People in the Democratic Republic of the Congo's North Kivu and South Kivu provinces have had to live under the authority of rebel forces for nearly a year. They live with much insecurity, due to rising costs (for food, water, and gas) and the threat of violence. Pray for believers in the region and that Bible translation work would be able to continue despite these many challenges.
- The region has many languages with no access to Scripture, and many languages remain to be identified. Please pray for resources to properly research the remaining need in the Congo Basin region.
- Please pray for God to make a way for translation work to begin or continue in our region. Translators are ready. This impacts communities who are finishing oral Bible storytelling cluster projects and are eager to begin oral Bible translation or written translations. This includes 8 communities that had hoped to begin translation work soon, most of which have been waiting since 2019.

Sahel

- The Sahel Region now has 4 countries inaccessible because of political situations, unrest, or threat of violence. Recent terrorist attacks in 2 countries are having a devastating effect on translation projects there. Pray for God's Word and His Kingdom to advance in these countries in miraculous ways, far beyond what we even know to ask. Please also pray for our partners operating in these areas and for opportunities to meet with them in nearby, open countries.
- Seed Company recently had the opportunity to help 3 partners move around the Sahel region to help train others in aspects of Bible translation in which they excel. We are grateful to help partners use their amazing skills, talents, and wisdom in training translation teams.
- One language community in Cameroon responded well to an initial phase of oral Bible storytelling. There had been little interest from Muslim neighbors until the storytellers began telling Bible stories in their language. Now Muslims are inviting storytellers into their homes to tell stories. Some are even joining storytelling clubs so that they can tell the stories. The team started Oral Bible Translation, and they have been struggling with the translation software. A software training refresher course will be available soon. Please pray that the team would get the support they need to continue translating Scripture.
- Please pray for shalom in Cameroon after the recent elections in which the 92-year-old incumbent who has been in power for 43 years was reelected. There have been protests across the country, and many are deeply frustrated by the level of government corruption and the lack of investment in the future generations of the country.



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Americas

- Pray for several language groups in the region that are receiving written portions of 1 of the gospels where Jesus, as God's Son, comes to earth to become their personal Savior. Please pray for travel mercies for those distributing translated Scriptures in what can be adverse terrain or harsh climates and political environments.
- For translation teams in the Americas to steward their resources well in Bible translation.
- For partner organizations to find innovative ways to fund, staff and accelerate Bible translation.
- May God fill sign language teams in the region with wisdom and help them work together more effectively each day—supporting and communicating with one another despite their differences, whether hearing or Deaf.

Southern Africa

- A cohort of 11 received their Masters' degree in Linguistics and Bible translation on Friday 7 November as part of their training to become Specialist Exegetes and Consultants in Training. Please pray for them as they now start a year-long course in Hebrew to get God's Word to their mother tongue speakers more efficiently to more people in a shorter period of time.
- Continue praying for the economic situation in all provinces of Angola. Due to the lack of employment, many young boys and girls are making bad decisions. Please pray for Angolan churches, as false churches emerge every day, many with abominable teachings and practices. Pray also for the success of translation projects in this nation.
- Please pray for God's intervention during the rainy season in Mozambique. Heavy rains earlier this year have brought much sorrow, destroying homes and killing 5 people. One translation partner reports that his mother's home was destroyed, and his sister was injured when a branch fell on her. One recently planted church was completely demolished after members had built the walls with local materials. The partner adds, "Please keep our community and my family in prayer."



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Anglophone East Africa

- Please pray for God's abundance to be poured into our Bible translation partners as they print God's Word in Uganda, including SIL Uganda, Bible Society of Uganda and The Word for the World Uganda. Many New and some Old Testament translations will be finished within the next few years, so please pray for God to supply financial resources for printing these Bibles.
- Partner organizations have expressed the need for literacy initiatives since most communities have only previously spoken their languages. It is important to help communities grow in their literacy of their newly written languages so that they can have access to God's Word in their homes, churches and communities. While there are some beautiful literacy projects in this region, more are needed throughout Uganda.
- After distributing mother tongue New Testaments and showing the "JESUS" film in the community, a church in Kenya has witnessed an increase in spiritual interest and awareness. The church's pastor says having the translated Scriptures has given believers in his congregation increased confidence and encouragement in their faith. And the audio New Testament has allowed Christians to engage with God's Word daily. Pray that many in their community would read and listen to the mother tongue Scripture and respond to God's call in faith.

Anglophone West Africa

- Praise God for revival in northern Nigeria as Muslim converts share their faith online on social media with no fear. Amidst much persecution, the Lord is still building his church.
- Pray that God will preserve His people in Nigeria and restrain evil. Pray for God to cause believers to entrust themselves to God while doing good (1 Peter 4:12-17).
- Pray for fruitful engagement and relationships with church leaders in West Africa, especially those from major denominations.
- With less than 5 languages remaining in Ghana, our partner, the Ghana Institute of Linguistics, Literacy & Bible Translation (GILLBT), is exploring what it would take for every language in their country to have access to God's Word. Pray for life transformation in Ghana through access to his Word.



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Pacific

- Praise God that more of our language speakers want to become involved in the translation process and see the translated Scripture used by local ministries. Pray for increased openness and hunger for God's Word to spread throughout the entire community.
- Pray for God's peace—amidst grief for communities and family members of teams who have lost translators or loved ones and amidst internal team conflict. Pray for healing and peace and that these events don't hinder the progress of Bible translation.
- Pray for God's continued grace to guide partnerships toward meeting the remaining Bible translation needs in the South Pacific. In Vanuatu, pray for an internship partnership opportunity with local partner organizations.
- Pray for 2 New Testament dedications happening in Milne Bay province in Papua New Guinea. Pray for God's Word to touch the hearts of those in the community and transform lives wherever it is used.

South Asia

- Christian believers and mission workers in a major South Asian country are deeply concerned that the government is continuing to cut off their funding sources. Recently, government officials refused to renew the license of one of the country's premier mission organizations to receive donations from other countries. Since the organization is involved in Bible translation work in several languages, translation teams are anxious that the work will slow down or stop. "We are unable to pay salaries in several of our projects, so the team members and their families are suffering. We are trusting that the Lord will open a way for us," says a leader of the organization. He appealed to all to keep praying for their work.
- About 35 invited couples are gathering in mid-January in one South Asian nation to learn more about the remaining needs of Bible translation in their country. They will prayerfully decide if reaching their goals by 2033 is a journey that they want to partner with. Pray that this first-of-its-kind gathering would inspire these couples to take ownership of this vision and stay with it through its completion.
- Pray for spiritual protection over projects and workers in this region. Team members with 1 project are frequently ill since the start of this project.