

# HOW TO PRAY FOR ZERO

Over **1 billion** people don't have the full Bible in their language.

**Millions** don't have a single verse.

Together, we're praying these numbers down to **Zero**.

## Start with This Prayer

*Jesus, speed up and empower the Bible translation movement. Rescue the nations out of darkness with the light of Your Word.*

## Join the Journey to Zero

Use this daily guide to pray strategically and effectively for Bible translation each day of the week.

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# AMERICAS

Spanning North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean, the Americas region ranges from dense cities to remote rainforest villages and island communities, many of which still lack some or all of Scripture in their own language. Across the region, national churches, Bible societies, and alliances are building strong local ownership of Bible translation so more people can encounter all of God's Word in the language they understand best.

## Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

Languages	Population
36	637,860

## Pray for Those without the full Bible

Population
18M

*Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. January 2026.*

*Numbers may shift as new needs are discovered or languages fall out of use.*

*Pseudonyms may be used for names and locations in areas hostile to Christians.*

## SCRIPTURE

*“Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness.*

*Let the whole world know what he has done.*

*Sing to him; yes, sing his praises.*

*Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.”*

*Psalm 105:1-2*

# PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for the successful recording of local songs in the Karama language at our EthnoArts/musicology workshop in March. Pray also for peace and security among our communities.

— **A capacity building global translation leader in Africa**

Pray that the enemies of our country will be confounded in their plans and actions, which have led to fuel and electricity shortages. Also, pray for God to supply workers to produce back translations of our drafts, and for a successful spelling harmonization workshop scheduled in March.

— **Kuluso Cluster Bible translation teams in Africa**

Pray that 2 reviewers will complete their training as they prepare to begin translation work. Pray for the strength and wisdom necessary for the team to finish translating and reviewing Acts. Pray also for guidance to discern ways of improving relations with local communities for testing drafted Scriptures.

— **The Toabaita team in the Solomon Islands**

Pray for our own families and community to believe in Jesus our Savior, and for us to grow in our professional skills in the translation work.

— **Bible translation teams in Asia**

Praise God for progress in our translation! Pray for governmental policies that bring security to communities that are suffering from poverty and sexual violence.

— **The Nsongo team in Angola**

# REGIONAL UPDATE

## *Inaugural Latin American Conference on Bible Translation and Use*

In April, Seed Company will participate in the inaugural Latin American Conference on Bible Translation and Use. The conference will feature leaders from Bible translation and missions organizations, pastors, translators, and indigenous leaders from across Latin America. Speakers, experts, and thought leaders presenting at the conference in Guatemala City will be primarily Spanish and Portuguese-speaking from Iberian-American countries.

Attendees will have an opportunity to reflect, share experiences, and together chart the future of the Bible Translation and Use movement as part of God's mission for His church in Latin America. Presentations and panels will focus on the current situation in Latin America regarding access to and engagement with the Bible.

Among the key topics to be discussed are:

- The use of Spanish versions in Bible translation.
- Spiritual care for translation teams.
- Vocations in Bible translation and Scripture engagement.
- Use of artificial intelligence (AI) in translation and Bible translation processes.
- Mobilizing the Latin American church in Bible translation and Scripture engagement.
- Bible Translation for the Deaf.
- Importance of research and data in Bible translation.

## **PRAISE**

- That national and local churches and organizations across the Americas have been building expertise and taking ownership for decades.
- That Seed Company has invested in more than 120 global translation leaders (formerly called interns) over several years. This has contributed to a strong organizational and church capacity that will allow Bible translation and Scripture engagement to be successful in the future, paving the way for life transformation.

## **PRAY**

- That this conference would be a catalytic and historic event in the history of the Iberian-American local Bible translation and engagement movement.
- For those in charge of logistical efforts associated with an international conference of this scale.

# IMPACT STORY

## *A Welcoming Workspace for Chachi Translators*

Doña Zulema Galarza owns one of the few hotels in La Peñas, formerly a lively tourist destination in Ecuador, before social violence and drug-trafficking conflicts gained a foothold. When the unrest subsided, this seaside area became one of the safest and quietest places in the region—and now serves as a headquarters where translators can focus on Scripture for the [Chachi](#) people.

Chachi speakers live in 37 remote rainforest communities along 3 rivers.

The hotel owner is a devoted Christian woman with a deep commitment to sharing the gospel among her neighbors and nearby communities. Since learning about the complex and demanding work of Bible translation, she's felt honored to participate in any way she can.

The hotel had no formal spaces for meetings, so she generously transformed one of the rooms into a place for the team to work. Even more importantly, she supports the project with faithful intercessory prayer. To equip her evangelistic efforts, the partner organization supplied her with a box of missionary Bibles.

## **PRAISE**

- That God has provided such a welcoming workspace for the Chachi team.
- For the team's enthusiasm, optimism, and joy.

## **PRAY**

- For the health of Chachi translator Bayron Añapa. He is successfully recovering from a colostomy, but the reconnection and closure operation isn't currently possible because the regional public hospital is going through a health crisis and has suspended surgeries.
- For churches that will soon review the team's translation.

# PRAY NOW

## *Western Caribbean Creole Cluster*

This project, which involves 3 Caribbean countries—Jamaica, Belize, and Colombia—is nearing completion of the Pentateuch books. A dedication ceremony is planned for August. Please pray for teams in each country as they finalize plans for the dedication events, for the health of team members, and for the integration of a new translator on the San Andres, Colombia team.

# FIELD PARTNERS

## *The APTB in Brazil*

In Brazil, the Bible Translation Alliance (APTB) exists to facilitate collaboration among both Brazilian and other organizations involved in the Bible translation movement.

They promote the need for organizations to “Collaborate to Translate. Translate to Reach. Reach to Transform.” But it doesn’t stop there.

They are equally dedicated to increasing the Brazilian Church’s engagement in Bible translation. They organize their own conferences or participate in other events by partnering with cross-cultural mission organizations that work among people groups who don’t yet have the Scriptures in their heart language.

Since APTB was established nearly 8 years ago, they have identified and effectively integrated individuals with a clear calling into the movement, quantified and systematized translation needs, and established or strengthened partnerships in translation projects.

This positive environment of collaboration now helps organizations address any major challenges to Bible translation that remain.

## **PRAISE**

- For APTB's successful 2nd Conference, "The Bible for All Peoples," which took place in 2025.
- For a successful first-time retreat for the APTB Facilitating Committee.

## **PRAY**

- That the good, constructive dialogue with all Bible agencies will continue.
- That the Brazilian Church will increasingly understand that Bible translation is essential to fulfilling the Great Commission.

## SCRIPTURE

*“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.”*

Philippians 4:6–7

# PRAY NOW

## *Pano Translation in Jeopardy*

The Pano people are an extremely remote tribe in the Amazon jungle, with scattered Christians and no formal churches. They face internal and external sensitivity towards evangelism. The Pano New Testament was drafted 50+ years ago, but without the review of a consultant. This project is a pilot to complete the book of Mark and portions of Nehemiah and to move forward with the full New Testament. Mark and Nehemiah have been drafted, and the audio recordings will be available soon. However, continued translation and the completion of the New Testament are in jeopardy due to difficulties accessing remote, scattered villages and political and social issues. Pray for God to open doors and for audio recordings of Mark's Gospel to be available soon so that many will hear the good news in their language.

# TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE

## *Cofán Language of Ecuador*

*My child, never forget the things I have taught you.*

*Store my commands in your heart.*

*If you do this, you will live many years,*

*and your life will be satisfying.*

— **Proverbs 3:1-2 (NLT)**

*Ña du'shu, ña quema atesian'choma aqqe'pajama.*

*Ña manda'choma'qqe ñotsse injan'jenjan.*

*Tsa'caen tsomba qui bo'tsse cansepa*

*poi a'ta avujatsse can'jeña.*

— **Proverbios 3:1-2 (Cofán)**

## ABOUT THE COFÁN PEOPLE

The Cofán reside in small, river-based villages within their traditional homeland and have limited contact with urban centers. Historically, they resisted Spanish colonization but suffered severe population loss due to disease during their contact with Europeans and the rubber boom. Today, they sustain themselves through hunting, fishing, small-scale farming, artisan work, and canoe-making, with some outside employment.

Culturally, the Cofán have preserved their language, strong identity, and deep knowledge of medicinal plants. Socially, they encounter numerous challenges caused by limited healthcare, family breakdown, alcoholism, and land encroachment. Religiously, the Cofán are divided between Christianity and shamanism, both of which continue to influence daily life.

## PASTOR TRUSTS GOD DURING TRYING TIMES

A pastor of the Zabalo village has been struggling with health issues. The problem has affected his lungs. It makes him weak, and he feels useless. He's tried to hunt to feed his family, but there never seems to be anything to hunt. This also makes him feel useless, and he feels like everything in his life has been going badly.

Upon reading Proverbs 3:1a, the pastor noticed that the writer urged his son to “never forget the things I have taught you” (NLT). A few verses later, the writer says in verse 12a, “For the Lord corrects those he loves” (NLT).

The pastor has learned that it doesn't matter what is happening to us, but it is God working in our lives. Reading these verses opened his eyes

and his heart to the fact that the trials we have are nothing compared to trusting God and His Word. He feels so encouraged, and this Scripture has brought joy back into his life.

## **PRAY**

- That the Cofán people who follow Christ would grow in faith and unity, and that those still influenced by fear would encounter God's love and truth in personal ways.
- For improved physical health and access to care, protection from disease, and restoration within families—especially regarding marriage, parenting, and healing from alcoholism and abuse.

# GLOBAL TRANSLATION LEADER

## *Sponsoring 3 Deaf Global Translation Leaders*

Sign language Bible translation is a complex process that requires a high level of expertise and technical infrastructure. There is a global shortage of certified Deaf Bible translation consultants. Seed Company is committed to helping alleviate this shortage.

This year, in partnership with DOOR International and Instituto Expressão Surda (IES), Seed Company will sponsor 3 Deaf individuals to complete their training to become certified translation consultants.

- Aris is a Colombian national with proficiencies in multiple sign languages. She has extensive experience as a translator with the Colombian Sign Language project. She has also supported projects in South America, Bulgaria, and Eurasia, demonstrating both cross-cultural adaptability and a deepening skill set. Once certified, she will consult on projects in the Americas and Eurasia.
- Bobby, a leader from the U.S., has the potential to eventually train and mentor other Deaf consultants. His firsthand experience as a Deaf Bible translator, along with his theological training, strong work ethic, and ability to engage with English-language resources, position him well for this next stage of development.
- Brenno is a Brazilian national working as an exegetical facilitator on the Brazilian Sign Language Bible. Brazil has one of the largest Deaf communities in the world. Though his current work with the translation is critical, his future involvement as a certified consultant will greatly increase the pace of the translation project.

## PRAY

- That Aris, Bobby, and Breno will be able to balance the intense study demands needed to become consultants with their family, friends, and personal lives.
- That they would have ample opportunities for practical consultant training under mentorship.
- For wisdom for these 3 leaders in focusing their energies and time on the areas of their training that are of the highest priority.

## SCRIPTED PRAYER

*“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.*

*The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”*

*— 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)*

Dear Father, I praise You for the work of Bible translation in the Americas region and for the new life You are awakening through Your Word. I pray that as individuals read or hear Scripture in their own language, they would exchange cultural lies and harmful habits for the freedom found in Christ alone. Amen.

# FIELD PARTNERS

## *Partner Leads Bolivian Sign Language Project*

In the heart of Bolivia, an often overlooked but vibrant Deaf community is finding new hope through a Bible translation project led by our partner, the Canadian Bible Society. For many Deaf children, communication has long been a barrier. Most are unable to read Spanish; even fewer know Bolivian Sign Language (BSL).

Today, we praise God that Deaf children and youth are learning to communicate for the first time, their hands moving with newfound confidence as they sign their names and share their stories.

BSL literacy is not just about communication; it's about opening a door to understanding God's Word. The team is translating stories from Luke's Gospel into sign language videos tailored for Bolivia's Deaf community. These stories are carefully crafted to be clear and culturally relevant, ensuring the message of Jesus' love and teachings is accessible. The process is collaborative, with translators maintaining constant contact with the Deaf community to review and refine the translated Scriptures, as needed.

## **PRAISE**

That the Deaf community in Bolivia is eagerly engaging with the translated stories, sharing them on social media and discussing them with their families—most of whom are hearing and now witnessing the joy of their Deaf loved ones connecting with God’s Word.

## **PRAY**

- That God will bring more workers to join the team to continue the work. They are down to 2 translators.
- For the health of translator Jimena Moya.
- For team member Lizeth Leonela Retamoso and the education classes she leads to continue being fruitful with the children.

# SCRIPTURE IMPACT

## *Jesus Calms the River*

Much of the Bible's powerful imagery depends on people having shared experiences or knowledge with the original stories. However, people sometimes live in areas where certain objects or geographical features don't exist. In that case, translators must work hard to communicate the meanings in ways people clearly understand and feel.

Amoshanamukon [AH-MOH-SHAH-NAH-MOO'-KON] translators faced that challenge when they reached Mark 4:35-41, where Jesus calms the storm on a sea. Storms were not hard to imagine, but seas were unknown in their rainforest homeland. Instead, translators needed to use images and expressions from the everyday river and life they knew.

In that way, they communicated the idea of Jesus being in their own canoe, bringing tranquility in the midst of the storm. The community then understood that Jesus' power is not only for the historical disciples, but also for them.

As they listened to the words of Jesus calming the storm, many said they felt tranquility in the midst of their own problems. The people commented on how they had experienced real storms on the river and in their lives and how they now understood the teaching better.

## **PRAISE**

- For the workspace God has provided in the community for translators.
- That the truth of God's Word transcends cultures and environments.

## **PRAY**

- That authorities and armed groups will allow team members to travel for community testing Mark.
- That translators will continue to find clear ways to express God's Word.

## SCRIPTURE

*“The Lord has demonstrated his holy power before the eyes of all the nations.  
All the ends of the earth will see the victory of our God.”*

*Isaiah 52:10*

## PRAY NOW

### *Wayampi Camopi Project*

The Camopi team has continued making progress despite numerous obstacles, including transportation difficulties and health challenges. The 2 translators, Miss Karai and Mr. Kurawa, have finished translating portions of Matthew’s Gospel, which are now being distributed in an area with more than 2,000 villagers, including a Camopi community in a neighboring country. The impact has exceeded expectations. Please pray for Miss Karai as she struggles with health challenges. Ask the Lord to enable the completion of a building that will serve as a translation workshop hub. Pray that the team will achieve its current goals before transitioning to the second phase of the Wayampi Camopi project.