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Wycliffe Associates' Initiative Tablets for National Translators (TNTs) Is Absolutely Essential

(ORLANDO, FL)—The _____ community is invited to a Wycliffe Associates banquet on _____ at _____ at the _____, where banquet guests will hear how God is moving in the lives of national Bible translators living and working in places where no Bible has ever been seen in the peoples' heart language. Dinner reservations are required. Please call _____ for complimentary tickets to this special event.

More and more regions of the world are being infiltrated by extremists presenting very real dangers to Christians and Bible translation efforts. Wycliffe Associates is using technology to protect mother-tongue Bible translators. This initiative, called Tablets for National Translators, places basic computer tablets loaded with Bible translation software and other applications into the hands of mother-tongue Bible translators, including those who live in high-risk areas.

“Whole language groups are still waiting for the Scriptures—tablets are absolutely essential,” says Bruce Smith, President and CEO of Wycliffe Associates. The computer tablets enable mother-tongue Bible translators to work discreetly and safely and to back up their work online. The tablets are designed to work offline when necessary to avoid eavesdropping by hostile authorities.

More than facilitating security, Tablets for National Translators are accelerating the progress of Bible translation in conjunction with MAST (Mobilized Assistance Supporting Translation) translation workshops. These workshops teach a pioneering new method to national Bible translators, resulting in translating books of the Bible in parallel while maintaining the highest levels of accuracy and quality.

In 2019, Wycliffe Associates hopes to launch Bible translations in 600 new languages. The organization has set a goal of placing 1,525 computer tablets in the next six months, at a cost of \$300 each, in the hands of national Bible translators who are passionate to have the Scriptures in their heart languages.

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