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EVERY VERSE. EVERY TONGUE. EVERY HEART.

ANNUAL REPORT



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A Word from Bruce

Last year was like no other in the history of Bible translation! Together, we tackled the most difficult challenges—enabling God’s people to speed His Word to the most hostile and hard-to-reach regions of the world.

In 2014, we stood alongside persecuted believers . . . reached closed countries . . . equipped isolated local translators . . . empowered local churches and more—all because of you. Thanks to your prayers, service, and stewardship, hundreds of thousands of hearts have been transformed by God’s Word. Thank you!

Take a look through this annual report and rejoice with me at how God moved to give Bibleless people around the world Scripture in their own heart language. From mobile technology to groundbreaking new Bible translation methods, you helped fuel incredible breakthroughs.

Innovative tools equipped courageous and determined believers to share God’s Word with their families, their neighbors, and their nations. We connected with national translators on the ground through the latest technology, training, and resources to accomplish God’s purposes. Lives and communities were transformed! But we are not done yet.

Of the close to 7,000 languages in the world today, only 531 have a full translation of the Bible. Millions still wait for even one verse of Scripture in their own heart language. They live in utter spiritual darkness, without a glimmer of hope.

NOW IS THE TIME to reach the lost.

We must build on our accomplishments last year to revolutionize Bible translation in 2015! Through creative new solutions, we can embolden national translators in hostile and remote locations around the world.

NOW IS THE TIME to equip God’s people.

Through these partnerships, our Vision 2025 goal of beginning Bible translations in every remaining language by 2025 is within reach!

NOW IS THE TIME to impact more lives than ever.

Thank you for giving generously to speed Bible translation efforts around the world and impact souls. Your continued prayers and support in 2015 are absolutely critical to equip national translators and local churches to speed Bible translation for more people groups.

NOW IS THE TIME to answer God’s call!



TRANSFORMING LIVES . . . YOUR GIFTS IN MOTION!

In 2014, ministry supporters like you advanced Bible translation in 75 countries across the globe by equipping national translators in partnership with local churches. Below are some specific examples of how your gifts advanced the gospel around the world:

Bible Translation Acceleration Kits

India Wycliffe Institute of Languages and Linguistics

PNG New Ireland Translation Institute

PNG Sepik Bible Translation Initiative

Pilatus PC-6 Airplane

Indonesia Airplane Hangar

Timor Bible Translation Center

Nepal Translation Project

Pacific Advance

Southeast Asia Translation Projects

DRC National Bible Translation Training Center

Angola Translation Project

South Sudan Bible Translation

Benin National Translation Center

Nigeria Translation Office Expansion

Scriptures for New Frontiers (Sensitive Countries)

Operation Timothy (Digital Scriptures)

Print On Demand

Operation Clean Water

MAST (Mobilized Assistance Supporting Translation)

Open Bible Stories

translationStudio Android App

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SHRINKING TRANSLATION TIME WITH BIBLE TRANSLATION ACCELERATION KITS

God transformed Bible translation efforts in 2014 through ***Bible Translation Acceleration Kits (BTAKs)***. With these high-tech tools, national Bible translators working in the most remote and volatile locations around the world can speed translation efforts by eliminating YEARS from the process!

BTAKs—including a small, portable laptop computer, satellite communication terminal, solar panel, battery, and power supply—allow local translators to collaborate with consultants thousands of miles away in real time through a satellite connection.

To date, Wycliffe Associates has deployed 310 BTAKs in 39 countries, impacting 417 language communities—all because of faithful friends like you. In 2015 we plan to install 250 BTAKs around the world! **NOW IS THE TIME** to make a greater impact . . . but we need your prayers and support.

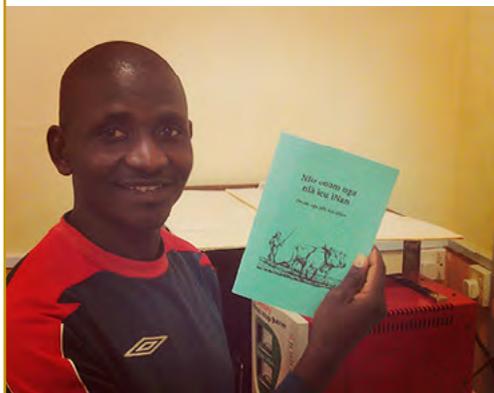
BY THE NUMBERS

BTAK Installations to Date:

- 310 total kits
- 39 countries
- 417 languages

2015 Goal: 250 installations

“Bible Translation Acceleration Kits are absolutely necessary for brothers and sisters who place their lives on the line to give their people God’s Word in their own heart language. They are crying out for our help. We must do all we can.”—Bruce A. Smith, President/CEO

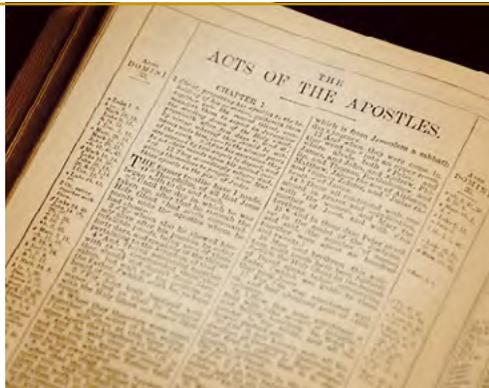


TOOLS FOR THE TOOLBOX

God used your gifts to Wycliffe Associates to develop and distribute life-changing technology tools for people in dangerous and hostile countries who are crying out for God's Word! Here are just a few of the new and exciting ways you encouraged and empowered believers through new resources and mobile and digital technology:

- **Brought God's Word to nonbelievers.** From creation to Revelation, **Open Bible Stories** is a fully illustrated, easily translated overview of God's plan of redemption.
- **Provided technology to keep translators safe and secure while working in dangerous, volatile environments.** The translationStudio App supports translation efforts using Android tablet computer technology. It allows remote collaboration and resources using widely available tablets.
- **Helped deploy the first Print On Demand system** to national believers on the ground in Nigeria. The equipment allows local translators to print and bind books of the Bible as they are completed. Local pastors can use Print On Demand to print out training materials and other resources.

"As soon as the equipment was set up in Nigeria, they printed out 3,000 copies of the Minor Prophets in the Tarok language and 2,000 copies of the book of Luke in the Etulo language!"—Ken Haugh, Wycliffe Associates Technology Advance Specialist



STANDING ALONGSIDE PERSECUTED BELIEVERS IN DANGEROUS REGIONS!

Right now believers are in grave danger . . . their very lives are on the line!

Throughout the Middle East and Central Asia, Christians are under fire. They face beatings, torture, and even death for faith in Jesus Christ. But God is raising up believers who stand ready to risk their lives to introduce their lost souls to God through His Word.

That is why your support of *Scriptures for New Frontiers* over the past year was so powerful. God used the prayers and support of friends like you to encourage and empower persecuted believers through our *Scriptures for New Frontiers* efforts.

Your generosity is speeding translation efforts for 47 languages in the Middle East and Central Asia through new technologies, training, and resources. Together, we are equipping believers in these dangerous regions to reach their own nations through Bible translation, evangelism, discipleship, training, and church planting.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness. NOW IS THE TIME! Every moment counts for persecuted believers. God will use your support to ignite courage for the brave men and women who face grave danger to bring the gospel to their people.

One terrorist's amazing transformation . . .

Born into terrorism, Silas * knew nothing but hate. He exposed and eliminated Christians.

After learning about a believer in the area, Silas and his group of militants burst into the home and dragged the Christian outside to watch as they burned his belongings.

"I found his Bible and threw it in the fire," Silas recounts. "Then I went home to sleep before we would return the next day to kill him. That night, I had a dream that changed everything."

Silas remembers the dream so clearly. He was standing in a fire, the very fire he built earlier that evening . . . the one he used to destroy the Bible. "I was being burned by the fire I set, and I could not escape," Silas says.

The next morning, Silas still felt unsettled by the dream. He went to the Christian's home again. But, instead of killing him, he asked a single question.

"I need to know . . . *who is Jesus Christ?*"

Silas turned his life over to God. Today, instead of hunting Christians, he leads them in the underground church. Now the hunter has become the hunted. Silas now lives as a believer in one of the most hostile regions of the world.

That is why your prayers and support are so critical. Your gifts allow us to equip Silas and other persecuted believers with technology, training, and resources that allow them to translate God's Word as quickly and safely as possible!

**Name changed to protect identity*



CHARGING FORWARD: OPERATION PACIFIC ADVANCE

The islands of the Pacific are some of the most difficult to reach regions of the world. Isolated villages are hidden away in deep jungles or carved into steep mountains. In many locations, governments and ancient traditions cause suspicion of Westerners—stifling translation efforts.

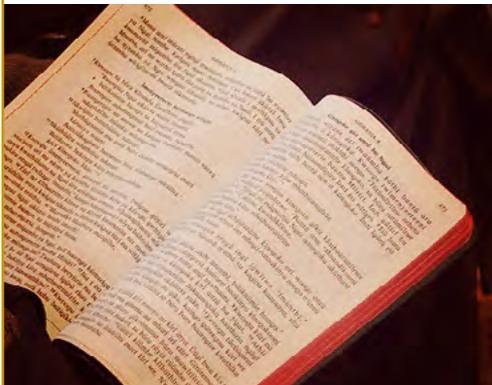
But in this challenging region of the world, God is moving miraculously! He is raising up local members of the body of Christ to lead the charge for Bible translation, church planting, and discipleship. Last year, Wycliffe Associates empowered these nationals through OPERATION PACIFIC ADVANCE. Your gifts made it happen.

Together, we provided infrastructure, equipment, and technology to help God's people share Scripture with those who wait.

The Yajasi Hangar is one of the tools you made possible for the region through OPERATION PACIFIC ADVANCE in 2014. Because of your gifts the hangar was finished. It supports planes you helped purchase that are critical to God's work throughout the Pacific.

In fact, late last year, the Pilatus PC-6 aircraft you helped provide delivered Scriptures to the Ketengban people in Indonesia. The Ketengban people then began to reach out to neighboring villages, bringing people to Christ, and planting churches.

"We were like dead men walking. We didn't know God or His Son. We lived in guilt and fear and constant warfare. Now we are alive in Christ and free from our dark past. We are insiders, part of God's family. And we don't want to forget how much God has changed us."—Elder from Ketengban village in Indonesia



BRINGING THE HEALING POWER OF GOD'S WORD TO AFRICA

Civil war, violence, natural disasters, and deadly diseases are a way of life for many in Africa. But in the midst of tragedy and pain last year, you helped share the hope and healing of God's Word.

Because of friends like you, Wycliffe Associates helped national believers advance Bible translation efforts through technology, training, facilities, and other resources.

Highlights include:

- **Accelerated Bible translation** for the nearly one million South Sudanese who wait for their first word from God in their language. You provided encouragement and support for translators working in refugee camps that are home to tens of thousands of devastated individuals.
- **Completed the New Testament in Kenya** for the Tharaka people. During the dedication ceremony, one local man held up his Bible and exclaimed, "We are the richest people on earth!"
- **Brought together former enemy tribes in Angola** to begin Bible translation for their language groups.
- **Provided funding to support translation efforts** for the Gemena and Isiro people groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Thank you!

Africa is full of needs . . . and opportunities! Because of friends like you, Wycliffe Associates was able to take advantage of the doors God opened. Please keep praying for Africa! Your continued gifts are making an eternal difference for generations.



EMPOWERING BREAKTHROUGH TRANSLATION METHODS!

Through a pioneering new method, national believers in 2014 were able to translate books of the Bible *in parallel* and *more quickly* than ever before, while maintaining the highest levels of accuracy and quality. This new collaborative rapid translation method is called MAST (Mobilized Assistance Supporting Translation).

This breakthrough will revolutionize translation in thousands of the remaining languages that still need God's Word in their own native tongue.

Last year, Wycliffe Associates facilitated a successful test of the method with a language group in South Asia. In 2015, we plan to roll out this strategy to 160 new languages. Your continued support will help us equip committed national translators with the training and tools to cut Bible translation time from years to months or even weeks.

"Through a pioneering new method, national believers in South Asia translated half the New Testament in just two weeks . . . a milestone that normally takes years!"

—Bruce A. Smith, President/CEO

NOW IS THE TIME . . . TO GO!

In 2014, God used Wycliffe Associates to connect people from around the world to Bible translation efforts. From national translators to local churches to volunteers, God's people answered the call to GO—and use their individual talents and gifts to accelerate Bible translation efforts.

God used people to share Scripture with those who wait in productive ways, such as:

- Empowering national translators to charge ahead on translation efforts for their own people groups
- Providing volunteers for high-priority positions that support Bible translation and encourage translators
- Equipping local churches through God's Word to be His hands and feet
- Accelerating Bible translation so Bibleless people can hear God's Word as soon as possible

NOW IS THE TIME to continue these life-transforming efforts with new opportunities to train and equip local believers to speed Bible translation efforts and empower churches to reach their communities.

“You may never know the eternal impact you have made on individuals . . . until you see them in heaven.”—Bruce Smith, President/CEO



Where Our Support Comes From:

Fiscal Year 2014

Contributions	\$ 19,514,764
Contributed services and facilities usage	\$ 5,382,135
Total contributions and other revenue	\$ 24,896,899
Interest and other revenue	\$ 1,461,738
Total contributions and other revenue and net assets released from restrictions	\$ 26,358,637

Where Your Support Goes:

Bible translation ministry programs	\$ 23,255,771
Supporting services	
Fundraising	\$ 4,379,109
Management and general	\$ 1,899,694
Total expenses	\$ 29,534,574
Change in net assets	(\$ 3,175,937)

Note: Wycliffe Associate's volunteers provide labor and other services for various ministry activities. Contributed services meeting the criteria for revenue recognition in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States amounted to approximately \$4,771,000 and are included in the Statement of Activities as "contributed services and facilities usage" revenue. Volunteer services during the year ended September 30, 2014, not meeting the criteria for recognition in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, have been estimated by management to be approximately \$8,700,000 (unaudited). Although these services have a significant impact on making the ministry effective, the estimated value of such services is not reflected in the financial statements.

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Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2014 | Statement of Financial Position

Assets:**Fiscal Year 2014**

Current assets	\$ 30,572,116
Long-term assets	\$ 1,068,791
Property and equipment, net	\$ 1,035,158
Other assets	\$ 1,211,961
Total assets	\$ 33,888,026

Liabilities and Non-Current Liabilities:

Current liabilities	\$ 761,107
Other liabilities	\$ 0
Total liabilities	\$ 761,107

Net Assets:

Unrestricted net assets	\$ 29,680,168
Temporarily restricted net assets	\$ 3,446,751
Total net assets	\$ 33,126,919
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 33,888,026

Complete audited statements as audited by Batts, Morrison, Wales & Lee, P.A. are available upon request.

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NOW IS THE TIME . . .
to equip national translators
and the local church!

In 2014, God moved in unprecedented ways. He set the stage for history-making Bible translation efforts through technology, innovative solutions for obstacles to translation, and strategic partnerships with local churches and courageous believers in some of the most hard to reach regions of the world.

Everything is in place for eternity-changing efforts through Bible translation around the world. NOW IS THE TIME!

Never before have there been more passion, more opportunities, and more need for Bible translation acceleration! Never has there been a more urgent time for your continued prayers and support.

Wycliffe Associates must take advantage of God's provision before doors close. And we need your help.

Please stand with us in 2015—to place God's Word in the hearts of people who still wait for even a single



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Scripture in their own heart language. Take a moment to pray about what God would have you do to support Bible translation. Whether you commit to pray, give, or volunteer, God can use your efforts to impact eternity.

Vision 2025, our goal to begin Bible translations in every remaining language, is within reach in our lifetime.

NOW IS THE TIME!

To find out more about Wycliffe Associates and Bible translation efforts around the world, please visit our website at www.wycliffeassociates.org.

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