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The Bible is for everyone.

It was great to be in Uganda a few weeks ago. The Bible translation movement throughout the world continues to thrive. Meeting new teams and hearing of their triumphs and challenges inspires me day in and day out. Being a part of their journey and helping shape the quality of work they do gives great satisfaction. Far beyond any personal experience, Bible translation pivots history by transforming people and cultures. The translators are on the front line of that historical change, bringing the Word to their people.



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As the years go by, over and over I see new teams take up the work of shaping and translating God's Word into their language. However, world events impact the work and progress. With this trip to Uganda I listened as several teams shared how COVID challenged them to learn how to work well. During COVID, they got new computers, knew generally how to translate, but starting with confidence was lacking. The pandemic kept them from engaging and being fully trained to do their work. For two weeks we gathered, learning as much as possible and together experienced growth.

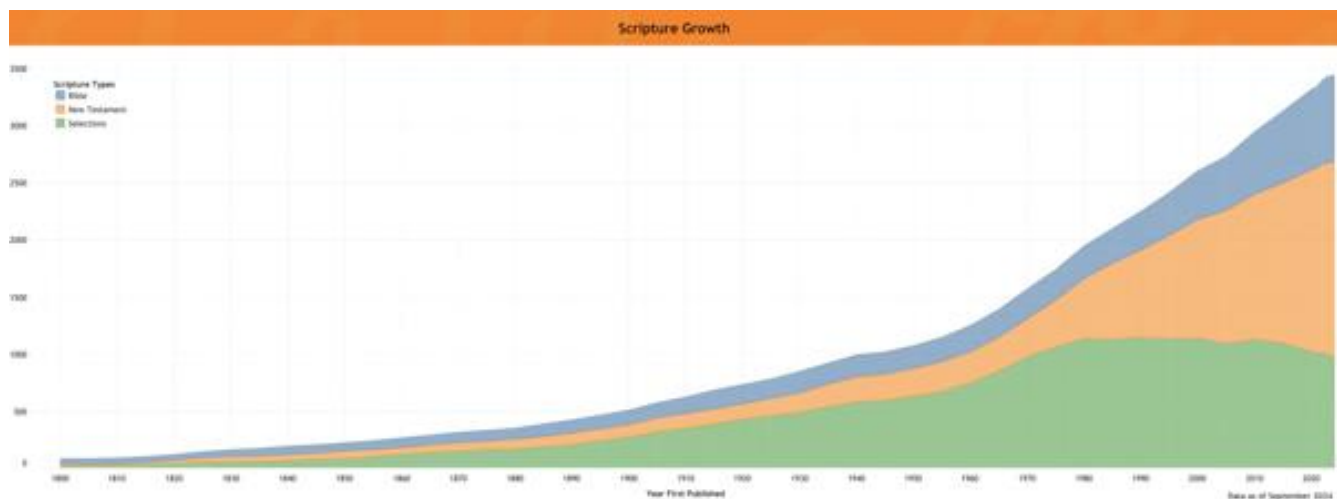
Each and every Bible translation project is unique.

Each language is different. The scripts, letters, and characters vary. The translator's biblical knowledge differs. The teams are shaped by different cultures. The age and gender makeup of every team varies. Teams are small, usually with only three or four translators.

In spite of these variables, as I said before, Bible translation is thriving. There may be as many as one thousand active projects going on around the world today. With the software we use, we can track some of the work being done and do all we can to support each project. Every day hundreds of never-written-before verses are translated. The message and stories that are so familiar to us are brought into a new space, a new culture, and a new language.

THERE ARE
7,396
LIVING LANGUAGES
IN THE WORLD.

744
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Just as new projects start each year like those in Uganda, others finish. This graphic above shows the number of Bibles, New Testaments and portions, that have been completed over the past 200 years. (from progress.bible) As you can see, in recent decades a lot of progress has been made. That comes from the efforts of many Bible translation organizations but also from your support. Currently and thankfully, there are 744 languages that have a full Bible. The Bible is for everyone. The challenge continues. Join us in praying for and supporting this mission and ministry.

Your partners in mission.
Brian and Donna Renes