

WYCLIFFE BIBLE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY TRANSLATORS

Bible Translators/ Linguists

"I found myself thinking of how, in the future, the village preachers would have a clear translation to use as they teach the people; how fathers and mothers would be able to read the Bible to their children—and everybody would understand."

—Translator Elaine Thomas, at the
Bible dedication for Africa's Ngbaka people



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Do you enjoy learning and working in other languages? Do you feel passionate about the Word of God? Want to be part of a team working with an eternal purpose? Then the Bible translation task needs you!

Wycliffe's goal is to see that the Scriptures are translated for people in the language they know and can understand best—so that their lives are transformed. Bible translators and linguists are on the frontlines of this transformational work.

The Need

Of the world's 6,900 languages, about 2,500 still need Bible translation to start for them. It's crucial—access to God's Word is foundational for salvation, individual and corporate spiritual growth, and church planting.

Many language communities are keen to see Bible translation and related ministries happen, but lack training and encouragement. Hundreds more translators and linguists are needed to play a key role in completing the remaining translations.

What's Involved

Wycliffe translators are godly, committed, servant-hearted and enthusiastic individuals with a gift and training in linguistics, and the ability to work well cross-culturally in a group setting. They are challenged intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Wycliffe Bible translators and linguists often serve in field projects as facilitators and trainers to national partners. Roles may include facilitating or doing language research and translation, or training local people in linguistic research, translation and literacy, to name a few.

Translators learn the language and culture by living among the people and becoming their friends. They work as co-translators with native speakers of the language or are consultants to native speakers who do the actual translation. They help teach people to read and involve them in producing primers and other literature. They act as consultants, checking the translations to make sure they communicate accurately, clearly and naturally. They interact with church leaders and government officials.

Fieldwork is usually carried out under SIL International (a partner organization of Wycliffe), often together with other national partner organizations.

Qualifications & Training

Translators/linguists must hold a college degree or its equivalent, have a good understanding of the Scriptures and enjoy working with people. Specific requirements vary depending on type and location of assignment. Specialized training for Bible translation and related ministries is available through the Canada Institute of Linguistics, at Trinity Western University in Langley, B.C. <www.canil.ca>. Successful applicants will be required to raise financial support from interested friends, family and churches. Training and resources are provided for this.

Is God prompting you to help give His Word to people in their heart language? For more information, contact us today.

Translating Scripture, Transforming Lives