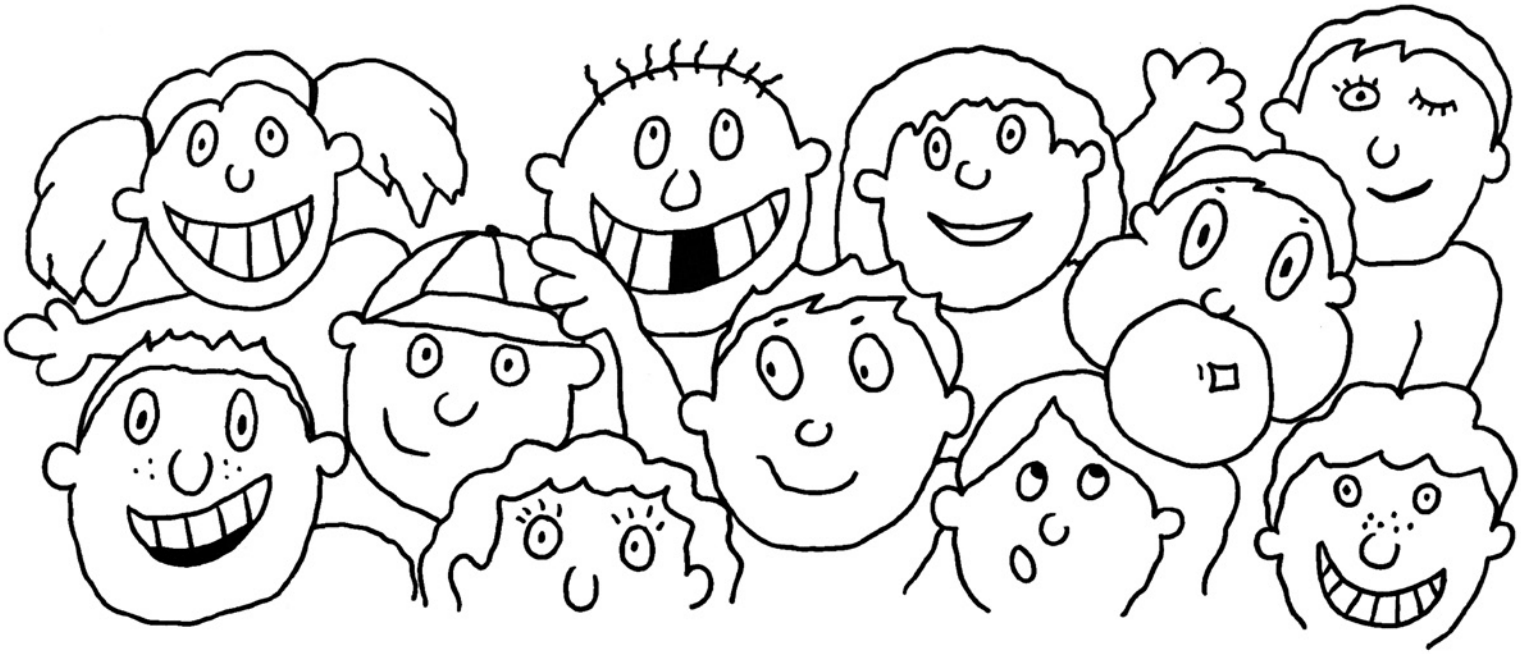
Your name is important to God

In Isaiah 43:1, God says: "I have called you by name. You are mine."

IMAGINE! God has called you by name. Write your name on the line.



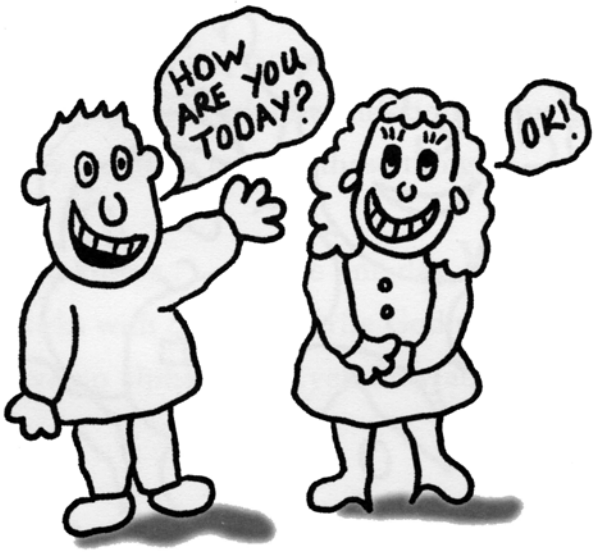
Do you think God can read your name? Of course **HE CAN.**

But what if you lived in Nigeria, Africa, and spoke **KOMA?** If you were a Koma boy or girl, you wouldn't be able to write your name on the line. In fact, nothing has ever been written in Koma because Koma has no alphabet. More than 32,000 people speak the Koma language, but without an alphabet, not a single person can write his or her name in their own language.

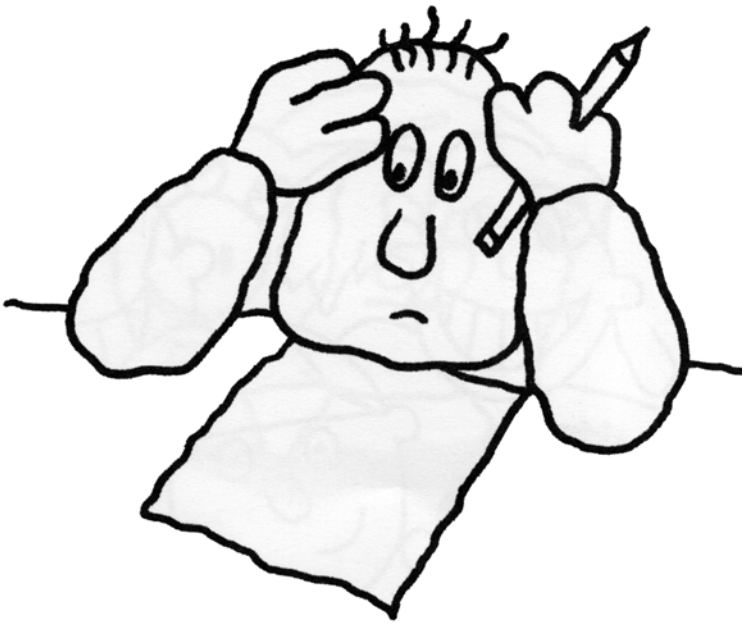
Do you think their names are important to God? **YES, THEY ARE!**
Does God knows their names even if they can't write them down? **YES, HE DOES.**
Is Isaiah 43:1 true for them, too, just as it is for you? **YES!**
God is calling them **BY NAME**; He wants them to be His.
But without God's Word written down they may not know what Isaiah 43:1 says.

Write vowels in the words below to see what life would be like for you if your language had never been written down.

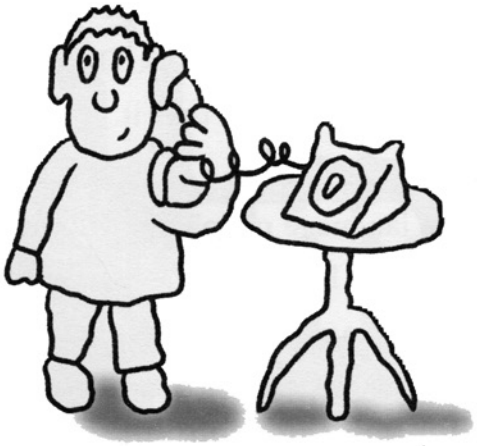
You would be able to **SP_ _ K...**



but you would not be able to **WR _T_.**



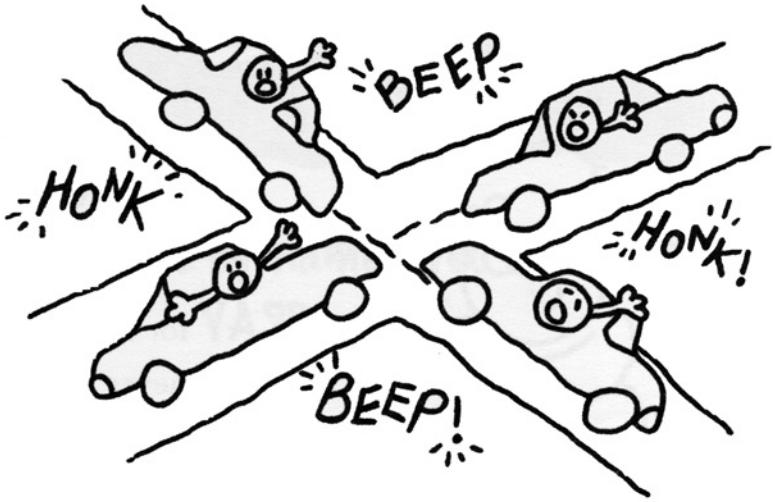
You would be able to **L_ST_N.**



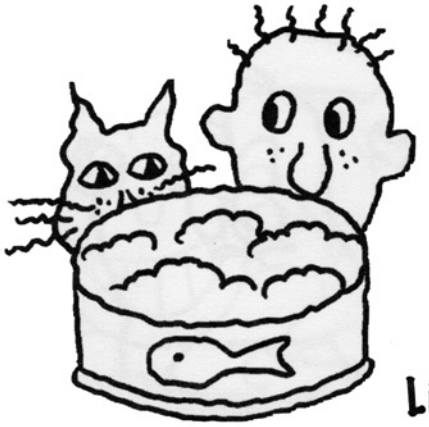
but you would not be able to **R_ _D.**

Restaurants would not have **M_N_S.**

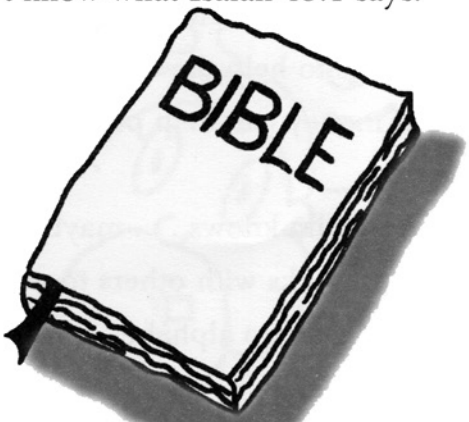
Streets would not have **R_ _D S_GNS.**



You wouldn't know if you were buying **C_T F_ _D** or **T_N_**



And you wouldn't have a **B_BL_** so you wouldn't know what Isaiah 43:1 says.



Life would be very different.

That's how life is for the Koma people and millions of other people in the world who speak languages that have not been written.

Who will help them?

Wycliffe Bible Translators wants to help. Wycliffe sends translators to people whose languages have not been written before. Translators are people who are trained to turn words from one language into another. The translators listen to the language and write down what they hear. Then they work together with others to make an alphabet for that language. Sometimes they train national people to do the work. Once there is an alphabet, God's Word can be written in that language and the people can learn to read it.

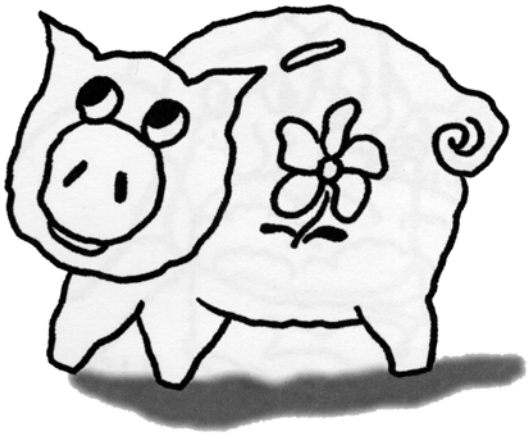
Sometimes we call the language people know best their **HEART** Language. It is the language they learned from their parents; the language that touches their hearts. God's Word can change people's hearts when they hear and read it in their own language.

We want all the people in the **WORLD** to know God is calling them by name. We want them to understand in their hearts what Isaiah 43:1 really means.

Translating God's Word into people's heart language is a big job. Many people help the translators do the work. You can help, too.

PRAY for the people around the world whose languages have never been written down. **PRAY** that someone will go and help them. **PRAY** that someday everyone in the world will be able to read God's Word in his or her own language.

You can also help by **GIVING** money. Wycliffe provides many computers, airplanes, school supplies and other things to help the work of translation. Your gift of money can help pay for these things.



And who knows . . . maybe one day **YOU** will be the one who works with others to write God's Word into languages that have no alphabet . . . yet. Pray about that, too.

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