



PRIORITY PROJECTS

SPRING 2021 UPDATE

PHOTO: A plane flies over Papua New Guinea, a country where 300 language groups still wait for the Scriptures. Because of the mountainous terrain and lack of infrastructure, it is very difficult for mother tongue translators to travel to the training office, and for anyone to visit the remote language groups. Your gifts helped make this travel possible!

Your gifts support urgent needs and exciting opportunities. Thank you!



STORIES OF IMPACT

Covid-related materials translated into hundreds of minority languages

One of the purposes of the Priority Projects Fund is to respond to unforeseen circumstances. None of us predicted Covid-19 in 2020. However, because Wycliffe is involved with so many minority and marginalized language groups, our partners have been in the unique position to help translate health directives and host workshops on preventing the spread of Covid-19. These initiatives have helped contain the pandemic this past year.

Flights save hours or days of walking through rugged terrain

Flight subsidies and assistance was distributed to local Bible translation organizations in Papua New Guinea, where 300 of the estimated 839 languages in the country are still without Scripture. This helped many translation projects progress quickly!

For example the flight program enabled Segea, a Kaluli translator, and two helpers, to come to the main office to finish the last of the Consultant Checks for the Kaluli New Testament. Now, the New Testament is complete! Your gifts made this milestone possible.

Joonkgee also wants to thank you. He says, "My wife, Sunghye, and I have been working for the Meramera language group as Bible translators since 2011. We are almost done the consultant check for the New Testament with only Revelation left. We very much appreciate your financial contribution toward the Meramera Translation Project. It helped us to bring a consultant, a village co-translator and a checker to the Ukarumpa SIL center . . . With your help, we completed Philemon, James, 1,2 Peter, 1,2,3 John and Jude. Once again, 'thank you' for your financial support!"



Recent Highlights (In The Past Six Months)

- At least 14 flights were subsidized during this quarter. It was for language teams going to the village, co-workers brought to Ukarumpa, and a PNG teacher going to the village to help teach a Translator Training Course.
- A tool to increase Scripture engagement strategies around the world was created. ARK (Analysis, Reporting and Knowledge) is a tool that will allow tracking of how, and to what degree, people are using Scripture in 1,800 languages. The pilot phase, sponsored by Wycliffe Canada, is now well underway.
- In hundreds of languages in many countries around the globe, Covid-related materials and related health guidelines were printed and used to raise Covid awareness. A gathering is being planned to bring together Bible translators working in a Muslim context. Though millions of muslims have access to the Word of God, less than 1% of them are using those Scriptures. The group hopes to address this sad reality.



Pray with us

Dear Lord, thank you for blessing the translation projects in Papua New Guinea. Please allow this progress to continue, so many more can soon hear the Good News in their own language.

We also pray for the conference on sharing the Scripture in a Muslim context. Please open the doors for this gathering to take place. We pray for your wisdom and guidance workers seek your will in their challenging region.

Please provide for all the Bible translation projects around the world, and protect them as this pandemic continues. Thank you for your provision and for your message of hope found in the Scriptures. In Jesus' name, Amen.