

Update: Priority Projects AROUND THE WORLD



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Progress

Thanks to your support of the Priority Projects Fund, we were able to share the hope and love that Christ offers in the wake of a natural disaster. We are now able to take on new timely and strategic initiatives.

Stories of Impact Progress and healing following a devastating natural disaster

Last fall, a combination of natural disasters devastated an island in Asia. Thousands died and thousands are still missing. Whole communities were destroyed. Survivors struggle to find the strength and hope they need to continue with their lives.

In response to the disasters, a group of churches organized workshops to train local church leaders in conducting Bible-based trauma healing workshops in their communities. Fifty-three facilitators for adults have completed their training and 30 Sunday school teachers have been trained to minister to suffering children. The Sunday school facilitators have already reached more than 500 children.

The workshops have shown incredible results. Children have begun to display joy again when they are reminded that they are precious and God cares about them. Adults are finding strength as they sense release from grief and bitterness. People are finding hope and piecing their lives back together, one day at a time. Bible translation continues in some areas. None of this would have been possible without your support.

A local translator expresses his gratitude this way: "A big thanks for sponsoring these trauma healing workshops and making them possible. This is truly a testimony to us that God provides. When we heard the churches' desire to provide trauma healing, we started taking the first steps. We made plans and saw huge financial need, but did not hear any news about financial support. We were nervous but kept spending and taking steps of faith—praying that God would provide. Finally, we got the email that Wycliffe Canada was underwriting all of it, and that news amazed us and caused us to thank God, who never fails to help His children."

Pray with us

- Dear God, please guide the Wycliffe Field Partners and Projects Team as they explore supporting multiple new opportunities and responding to urgent requests around the world. We pray that you will use these funds to share the hope of your gospel with all who are still waiting to hear.
- We pray in particular for the many victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Asia. We pray that they find healing for the trauma they have experienced. Let the local Church continue to shine for you, as a light in this dark situation.

Potential future initiatives

A countrywide "Scripture engagement survey" in Ethiopia which will influence how Scripture engagement is encouraged around the world.

A sign language project which will bring the Word of God to one of 284 sign languages awaiting Scripture.

Thank you for helping people
translate the Word of God
into the language that speaks
to their heart.