



4000 Bibles in 10 Days! "The Bibles are coming," Sam announced. "This time next year you might have a Bible in your language." The congregation sat in polite silence.



Sam and Elizabeth Pfledder, translation advisors with SIL, traveled from church to church spreading this news around the homeland of the Meetto people of northern Mozambique. But no one said very much. After the meetings, none of the Meetto people came up to ask questions or express interest.



For many years, a team of Mother Tongue Meetto speakers had been at work together with expert help from SIL's John Iseminger who first arrived in the early nineties. Those were difficult years. Mozambique - one of southern Africa's poorest countries - was reeling from the ravages of colonialism, Marxism, and civil war. Churches were mostly convinced that only the Portuguese Almira version of the Bible was inspired by God. "You are wasting your time," John was told.

"We would announce it in every church we visited," Sam explained. "But In Africa people are used to empty promises being made and then things don't materialize. I think it was so far in the future there were doubts it would ever happen. People have more urgent things to think about. But we noticed a difference once the container actually arrived. They could see it sitting here in the yard.... It became real for the first time."

Suddenly it seemed that everyone was excited! The Pfledders started to hear all kinds of comments, things like "very soon this is going to be the only Bible used in churches any more." People started coming to the compound, wanting to buy Bibles before the celebration. Sam had to turn them away. "No, sorry, the container is closed until [the dedication]. I don't even have my copy yet."



Byron and Kathy Pirolo

2,000 Meetto Bibles were distributed at the dedication and almost that many in the week after the event. In total, over 4,000 in barely ten days!

Praise the Lord for June Dedications: Umbangala, Angola June 10, 2022 Population 400,000

Partnership Update : Kathy is answering the call to take on the lead role in The Finish Line. In order to be released to her new position, we need to get to 100% of the budget Wycliffe has set for us. Until then she can only work on TFL part time. We are currently at 65%, up from 45% Praise Him and welcome to our new partners.

Will you prayerfully consider partnering with us to reach the Bibleless?

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