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# March 2023

## Exponential Growth for Bible Translation!

"There's no other way to describe it: God is on the move! Bible translation is exponentially growing because local believers are asking for — and sometimes even starting — Scripture translations in their own languages and communities.

As these believers identify which Scripture portions they need and why, they are inviting Wycliffe and our partner organizations to join them in the work. We want to be able to say an enthusiastic "yes" to interdependently collaborating with the local church and partner organizations on reaching communities with the gospel.

In the last few years, Wycliffe and our partners have seen exciting growth in new language engagements:



- 2019: 142 languages.
- 2020: 151 languages.
- 2021: 153 languages.
- 2022: 491 languages.
- 2023: 101 languages so far this year!!!!



In 2022, we engaged 491 new languages including 319 that received Scripture for the very first time.

Communities are craving access to God's Word and want it sooner rather than later. One group of church leaders in Madagascar said that they want the Bible translated not in 25 years, but now!"

- John Chesnut, Wycliffe President/CEO Wycliffe Bible Translators

In fiscal years 2023 and 2024, we strategically aim to engage 655 new languages still needing God's Word.

Please join us in praising God for these 8 Scripture dedications that took place January through March! Pray that the Scriptures will be used and result in transformed lives.

\*\*Omi New Testament in Democratic Republic of Congo on Jan. 15. Population 155,000.\*\*Komo New Testament in Democratic Republic of Congo on Feb. 3, 2023. Population: 614,000. \*\*Budu-Koya New Testament in Democratic Republic of Congo on Feb. 7, 2023. Population: 96,000. \*\*Budu-Nita New Testament in Democratic Republic of Congo on Feb. 9, 2023. Population: 169,700. \*\*North Gumuz New Testament in Ethiopia on Feb. 11, 2023. Population:

160,000. \*\*Ibaloy Bible in the Philippines on Feb. 17, 2023. Population: 186,000. \*\*Ikoma New Testament in Tanznia on March 10, 2023. Population 36,000. \*\*Kabwa New Testament in Tanzania on March 14, 2023. Population 14,000.

### Thanks for being part of the team!



We are getting close to reaching our minimum required budget. Only 500/mo left. Go To **pirolomissions.org** for more info, previous newsletters and pictures!

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#### Mail Contributions to:

**Wycliffe Bible Translators** 

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# VISION 2025

Motivated by the pressing need for all people to have access to the Word of God in a language and format they clearly understand, Vision 2025 was developed and adopted in 1999, with the goal of having a Bible translation started by the year 2025 for every language still needing one.

This vision and goal was used by God to inspire us to join the work with Wycliffe Bible translators. In our lifetime we can see and be a part of every people group having God's Word!

