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### JOY, JOY, JOY —A Triple Bible Dedication:

On February 3rd, 7th and 9th, 2023, the **Komo, Budu Koya, and Budu Nita peoples dedicated their three separate New Testaments!** At each celebration, people from all walks of life gathered to receive the NT in their language. There were pastors and priests, politicians and officials, doctors, teachers and farmers. Many were dressed from head to toe in earthen-toned cloth woven from tree bark. The days were full of songs sung in these indigenous languages, and at times, the whole assembly broke into spontaneous traditional dance. - **communities overcome with joy!**



Dancing at Komo Dedication

At the Budu Koya dedication ceremony, the eldest Budu chief said that he felt like Simeon in Luke's Gospel, that he could depart in peace because he had seen what he had been longing for, **the Scriptures in the language of his ancestors**. One striking image from the celebrations was all of the Budu chiefs, lifting the Scriptures on their traditional *tipoi*, the chief's very own litter (chariot with human wheels), on which he traditionally would have been carried by servants.



Church leaders pray for Impact

Reverend Anzabati, a translator and translation consultant of the Budu Nita Scriptures for 36 years, led their dedication celebration. With great passion and exhortation, he told the crowd that there are so many good aspects in their culture, for which they should be thankful, but it is those elements that do not honor the Gospel that need to change!

At all three of the dedication ceremonies, **the assembly stood for a minute of silence showing their enormous gratitude to God for the countless contributions of so many faithful people** to make this NT dedication possible, remembering all the different people who longed to see this day but could not be present: translators, literacy workers, pastors, missionaries, chiefs, and many others.



Rev. Anzabati

### Please join us in praising God for these first time dedications in April 2023:

- Ñandeva New Testament, Paraguay, April 1, 2023. Population 2,270.
- Aja New Testament, Benin, April 15, 2023. Population 910,000.
- **Godie New Testament**, Côte d'Ivoire, April 15, 2023. Population 30,000.
- Bena New Testament, Tanzania, April 28, 2023. Population 670,000.
- Northern Nuni New Testament, Burkina Faso, April 29, 2023. Population 93,000.
- Ticuna Bible, Peru, April 29, 2023. Population 51,000.

We are getting close to our partnership goal:

Only \$580 per month to go!!! Thanks to all who have been praying and partnering with us! As part of our Wycliffe ministry team, you are helping to bring God's Word to the Bibleless. Thanks for being part of the team!

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