



Let's Celebrate Bible Translation Day!

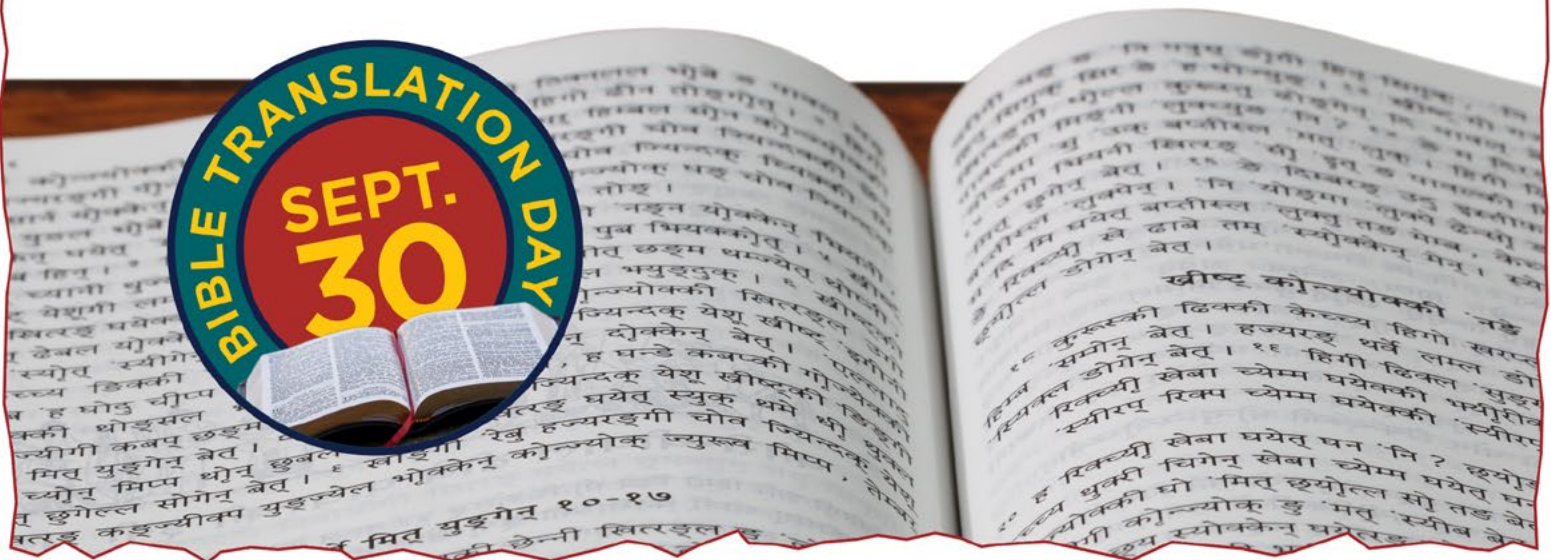
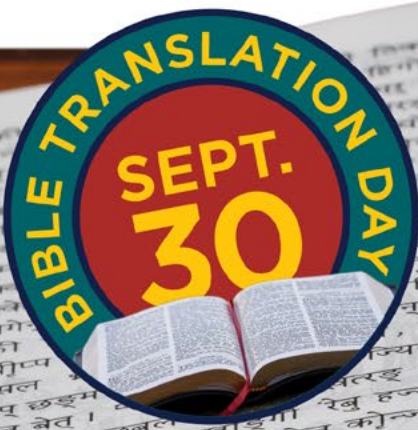
Did you know there's a day set apart worldwide to celebrate the work of Bible translation? It's true, and Mack and I are excited to tell you about it!

But first, let's talk a little more about what Bible translation is, because that's important to understand. After all, did you know that the Bible hasn't always been in English? It was originally written in Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic.



A man named John Wycliffe translated the Bible into English in the 14th century so that people like you and me could read it for ourselves. And the Bible has been translated into lots more languages ever since! In fact, there are at least 7,000 spoken or signed languages around the world, more than 2,000 are still waiting for Bible translation to begin.

Anyway, Bible Translation Day was recognized by the President of the United States in 1966. Now, every year on September 30, Wycliffe Bible Translators celebrates what God is doing around the world through the work of Bible translation! As more and more people get the Bible in their own language, they're able to understand how much God loves them. And that's something everyone needs to understand!



Celebrate the Bible in Your Life

We're really blessed to have the Bible in English. We even have it in lots of different versions! It's something that we should be grateful to have every single day, and there are some easy ways that we can thank God for the Bible in our own language.

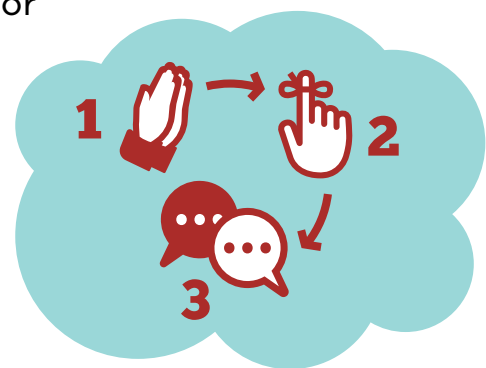
- 1. Pray** – We can pray and thank God for people like John Wycliffe who translated the Bible in to English. And we can also pray for the many languages around the world that are still waiting for even one word of the Bible. That's a lot of people who need to hear about God's love for them in their own language.
- 2. Memorize** – Psalm 119:11 says, "I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you" (NLT). When we memorize verses, it's like having God's words in our head and our heart all the time! You can even get your family to work together to memorize verses — maybe a new one every month, or even every week. Then you'll be able to know God better, and understand what he wants for your life.
- 3. Share** – Before Jesus went to heaven, he told his disciples to make disciples of all nations (see Matthew 28:19-20). One of the best ways to do that is by sharing the Bible with people! And the awesome thing is, you can do that anywhere, no matter where you live. You can share the Bible with your family, your friends, your classmates, and even the cashier at the grocery store or your neighbor across the street!

Pray for Bible Translation as a Family

Hey parents! Teach kids the importance of prayer by engaging them in ways to pray for people around the world who are still waiting for the Bible in their language.

Visit wycliffe.org/prayer for resources — including how and why we pray — and specific people groups that you can pray for together as a family.

Your prayers help people get the Bible!



How are you going to celebrate the Bible in your life today?

In the space below, choose one of these three ideas (or come up with one of your own) and write or draw it out! You could write your prayer to God, write out a memory verse, write a note to share with a friend or even draw a picture of you doing one of these activities!