RUSSIA

BASHKIR; RUSSIA (1,600,000)

Praise the Lord that the translation team members are preparing the Bashkir New Testament for publication! This is a detailed process, so ask God to strengthen those who are doing the typesetting, making decisions about formatting issues, and proofreading. Their goal is to publish it this year. The Academy of Sciences is also reviewing the translation. Pray for a positive response in order to gain an official stamp of approval. Such an approval would only help the Bashkir community to esteem the New Testament even more. Bashkortostan is the center of religious life for European Russian Muslims. The New Testament will be introduced to the society as a scholarly book. As it is written, “The very essence of your words is truth … ” (Psalm 119:160, NLT). Pray that many Bashkir will recognize God’s Word as truth.

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SLOVAKIA

EASTERN SLOVAK ROMANI; SLOVAKIA/ CZECH REPUBLIC (500,000)

Rejoice! Both a digital copy and an audio recording of the New Testament are now available on the web. In addition, a limited edition of several hundred New Testaments were printed and publicly dedicated last fall. Ask God to oversee the publication this year of a parallel Slovak/Romani version in partnership with the Slovak Bible Society. Pray for wide distribution of the Scriptures. Pray too for the Roma churches, Romani public and the Slovak church to accept the New Testament as a viable, respectable translation. Lift up in prayer the need for a new translation team and the funds required to translate the Old Testament; the translator of the New Testament is now involved in another ministry.

The Word For The World – thewordfortheworld.org
**SPAIN**

**NOSA FALA; SPAIN (10,500)**

Numerous obstacles arose during recent years in this project — health issues, including the mother tongue translator’s eye surgeries, and also broken familial relationships. But God answered prayer! The translator’s eyes stabilized enough to work short periods of time. Familial relationships are strained, but improved. And the New Testament was completed, printed and dedicated late last year. God used the prayers of many people. Please pray now for the Holy Spirit to use his Word to bring many Nosa Fala into a relationship with Christ, and to build and mature those who already believe.

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**UKRAINE**

**CRIMEAN TATAR; CRIMEAN PENINSULA (262,000)**

The full Bible is scheduled to be published this year or in 2016. Please pray for the political situation in Crimea. Ask God to bring peace to this region, and allow tensions between Ukraine and Russia to cease. Political difficulties may affect the Bible’s publication date. The translation team members are working hard to meet a tight schedule. Ask God to give them strength and help them succeed as they carefully check the entire manuscript. Please pray for the exegetical advisor, a U.S. citizen, to gain permission to live in Crimea permanently. His presence is crucial for completing the final checks. And ask Almighty God to protect the translation team members from animosity by those who oppose their work.

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