Thanks to you, translated Scripture is being broadcast over the radio to more than two hundred thousand people in villages throughout Peru’s northern jungles.

Translated Scripture is available in many South American languages, but Scripture use and distribution are difficult because of limited access to the people, low literacy rates, and other factors. A radio strategy will address these issues and more, allowing radio broadcasts of translated Scripture to reach all parts of South America.

The installation of the Chazuta Christian shortwave radio station came after nearly two years of prayer and planning. The station includes recording studios, transmitting equipment, and a hostel for those arriving to produce radio programs.

Local volunteers are trained in recording and equipment use. The station’s broadcasts include Bible readings, music, special programming for children and women including lessons based on the book called Women of the Bible, and public service announcements.

Today the program called Radio Logos (“the essence of God”) is broadcasting in nine languages: Achuar, Bora, Candoshi, Junicui, Ticuna, Pastaza Quechua, Urarina, Machiguenga, and Spanish. New Testament readings in each of these languages are broadcast daily, and reports indicate that the broadcasts are reaching beyond these nine language groups.

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SCROLL THROUGH THE AIRWAVES

One of the radio programmers said, "Many of those we talked to about the Lord thought we were telling fables until they heard the Word of God by radio in their own language!"

Future plans include:
+ Equipping Ticuna people to run a new recording studio in Amazonia.
+ Airing radio programs in five Colombian languages.
+ Completing eight-minute programs of John and Acts in several Peruvian languages, produced by Vernacular Media Services of JAARS and SIL.*

So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ. — Romans 10:17 (NLT)

Thank you for your part in ensuring that God’s Word is heard in some of the most remote parts of South America!

Read more about how Scripture is reaching people worldwide through radio broadcasts: www.wycliffe.org/tinystudio www.wycliffe.org/RadioSpeaks

*Wycliffe’s strategic ministry partners

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A revision brings clarity for the Teapu

The Teapu Bible Translation Program in Papua New Guinea was started in the mid-fifties by missionaries, who with the help of the first Teapu pastors, translated the books of Mark, Galatians, Philippians, Ephesians, and 1–3 John. The translated portions were used effectively for several decades, but eventually the language began to change, and today’s generation doesn’t understand the original language very well.

A modern revision of the Teapu Scripture portions is underway. Teapu translators recently attended a training course where they focused on Mark 1–10, revising the chapters, checking them, publishing the text, and recording it in audio format.

The chapters were then presented and dedicated at two local churches, and the pastors and congregations gave feedback that greatly encouraged the translation team. One church member said, “Reading Mark from my tongue is reading from my heart. I understand everything I read. I do not have to look for the meaning of the word as I do in English.”

Another agreed, saying, “I was so happy to read God’s Word in my language. I have only been reading in Tok Pisin*, and it wasn’t clear, but now everything is so clear!”

The youth of one church enjoyed hearing the translated Scripture so much that they didn’t want the translator to stop sharing. The youth leader said, “All the youth were very happy to hear the translator teach in the local language; they were very interested in hearing God’s Word in our language.”

Your donations through the Worldwide Projects Fund have made a difference in the lives of the Teapu people. In the words of Aileen, a Teapu translator, “Thank you for your support. It’s not being wasted. People are seeing and feeling the importance of Scripture in their language. It is changing lives and cultures both physically and spiritually.”

*Tok Pisin is an official language of Papua New Guinea, and the most widely used language in the country.

Funds Provided This Quarter

With the help of partners like you, Bible translation is now underway for 2,167 languages that never had Scripture before. Thank you for your gifts to the Worldwide Projects Fund!

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A gift of land

Ed and Donna were long-time donors to Wycliffe Bible Translators. The Lord entrusted to them a parcel of pristine and highly appreciated pasture land. In their younger days, they spent many a weekend riding horses and camping with their children. Now the children have grown and the horses are long gone. The land had been unused for several years. After learning that people can give not only from their checkbook, but also from assets, Ed and Donna felt led to gift this land outright to Wycliffe to help fund Bible translation for people who do not have God’s Word in their heart language.

Working with a Wycliffe Foundation gift planning advisor, Ed and Donna deeded the property to Wycliffe. They received an income tax deduction of the property’s appraised value, avoided capital gains taxes, and had the immense satisfaction of making a significant gift to the work of Bible translation!

Ed reflected on the donation, “We never thought we could make a gift of the size and magnitude that we did. God provided us with a beautiful asset from which we had many years of enjoyment. And now, He is using the proceeds from the gift of that asset to reach people for Christ... We are so blessed!”

If the Lord has entrusted you with an appreciated asset such as securities, real estate, or business interest, prayerfully consider gifting all or a portion of it to Wycliffe to advance the work of Bible translation and impact God’s kingdom.

In addition to the outright gifts of assets, there are other charitable gifting strategies available, such as part-gift part-sale, donor advised funds, and charitable remainder trusts. The most appropriate option for you and your family depend on your particular situation and goals.

To explore options for the gifting of assets, or other giving strategies, please visit the Wycliffe Foundation website at www.wycliffefoundation.org or contact us by phone at 1-877-493-3600.
Please pray for these Wycliffe projects around the world.

NO HOLY WRITINGS

“Ziazia kekeapai, sib ere te,” (I have no Holy Writings) is heard from many Zande people in Central African Republic (CAR). The few Zande Bibles in their area are well-loved and falling apart. Now, after a long famine for the Word of God, ten thousand Zande Bibles have arrived in Congo for the conflict-stricken regions of CAR and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Delivery is complicated and painstaking because of security concerns. Pray that the Bibles will reach their destinations and be read and understood, bringing transformation to the hearts of many Zande people.

“RECONCILIATION” CLEAR IN JAPANESE SIGN LANGUAGE

At the Yamagata Deaf Christ Church near Tokyo, Japan, Pastor Eiji Matsumoto teaches and preaches in Japanese Sign Language (JSL). Since 1993, more than ten Scripture books have been translated into JSL. “Some time ago I finally understood the meaning of reconciliation between man and God,” said Pastor Matsumoto. “In JSL, the sign is to take one hand from above and bring it down to the other hand with palms facing upwards. God came down to us—it’s not the other way around!” Ask God to draw more minority language groups to peace and reconciliation with Him through the translated Word.
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BOB CRESON, PRESIDENT/CEO

THANK YOU!

FrontLines is produced with you in mind. The research, writing, design, printing, and mailing is all done so we can thank you for your partnership in the work of Bible translation, and provide you with more information on what’s currently happening in the ministry. We hope that as you read through this issue, you’ll be encouraged by how your prayers and gifts are accelerating the day when all of God’s people will have His Word in their language.

In fact, let me take this opportunity to share some very good news about the global progress in Scripture translation, and how you made a difference last year:

+ Bible translation is happening concurrently for 2,167 languages, in 131 countries, for 1.9 billion people.
+ 79 percent of the world has at least a portion of Scripture.
+ $21.5 million was distributed by Wycliffe to 218 Bible translation projects.
+ We welcomed 126 new missionaries, which means 3,653 now serve worldwide.

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Warmly,

Bob Creson
President/CEO
Wycliffe Bible Translators USA

TRANSLATION TREASURE

The goal of Scripture translation is to convey the true meaning of God’s Word in a way the people group can understand. Here is an example showing how important—and difficult—it can be to find just the right words.

Tawala translator Meya Ivano from Papua New Guinea is passionate about the importance of translating the Bible into his own language so its meaning is clear and powerful.

“I love my language, and I believe that when people have the Word of God in their own language it will really have an impact on their lives,” Meya said. “‘Obey the Word of God’—what does that mean? But when you say it in Tawala, there’s a picture that comes from that word, iponawogogehi. Ipona means ‘hold,’ and wogogehi means ‘our word.’ To obey means to hold our word.

“I realize there are some things expressed very clearly in Tawala. We use paligiglihi for forgiving someone. It means he is released; he is not guilty anymore. Tawala is a very powerful language; that’s why I want to translate the Word of God into my language.”

Hear Meya talk more about translating God’s Word by visiting http://wycliffe.org.au/vimeo/i-love-my-language/