



# THE FINISH LINE

## DAY 1: AMBONESE MALAY; Indonesia (245,000)

The Ambonese Malay translators faced many obstacles in completing the New Testament: COVID-19 health risks, patchy phone and internet services and temporary lack of paper to print the New Testaments. Praise God, He met each need, and the Ambonese Malay dedicated their New Testament in September 2022 at a beautiful, worshipful celebration!

### Prayer points:

- » A wide distribution of the New Testament in print, electronic and audio formats so that everyone has access.
- » A clear understanding of God's Word in their language that leads the Ambonese Malay to wholeheartedly follow Christ. May they grasp God's great love for them and experience freedom from sin and fear.
- » For young people training to become pastors and future leaders of the church to make Christ Lord and feed on God's Word. "Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness" (Colossians 2:7, NLT).

PROTESTANT CHURCH OF MALUKU

## DAY 2: OCCIDENTAL TAWBUID; Philippines (10,000)

The Occidental Tawbuid New Testament was published in 1999. A team has been working for 10 years to provide the Old Testament and a revised New Testament so the people will have the complete Bible. Give thanks that 2,000 copies were printed in South Korea last year, and a glorious dedication was held July 18, 2022, in a mountain village in the language area! Bishop Efraim Tendero, a leading Filipino bishop in the evangelical church, spoke, and key people involved in the project from other countries attended.

### Prayer points:

- » That the Occidental Tawbuid people will enthusiastically receive all of God's Word from Genesis

to Revelation, understand His message of salvation and be transformed.

- » For people to use the Scriptures daily in their homes and churches.

OMF INTERNATIONAL; SIL; TEAM

## DAY 3: VULA'A; Papua New Guinea (4,600)

Papua New Guinea is home to hundreds of language groups where many communities are isolated from one another because a central major mountain range inhibits travel. Over time, this isolation produced many diverse languages, including the Vula'a. The translation team continues to review the Old Testament and revise the New Testament in preparation for publication. They have encountered delays from COVID-19 but press forward in obedience as God brings His Word to the Vula'a people!

### Prayer points:

- » Sufficient internet connection and cellular reception while the team works remotely.
- » More translation consultants who can dedicate time to the project. Consultants need to approve the final drafts to ensure they are accurate and sound natural.
- » Health and vitality for the translation team and their families.
- » Receptive hearts as the Vula'a welcome the Scriptures into their community.

BIBLE SOCIETY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

## DAY 4: MARA CLUSTER PROJECT — Zanaki language; Tanzania (100,000)

Zanaki speakers live in northwest Tanzania on the border of Lake Victoria and Kenya in a densely populated area without many churches. COVID-19-related travel restrictions, office closures and funding setbacks scattered the Zanaki team around the world and slowed their New Testament translation project. But praise the Lord: they are now fully funded and encouraged so they can complete the New Testament!

### **Prayer points:**

- » Strength and endurance for the team as they work to complete the Zanaki New Testament.
- » Health and safety for all who are involved with the project as they push toward the finish line.
- » Continued support, partnership and excitement from within the community for the translation work. May they proclaim with the psalmist, “My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word” (Psalm 119:81, ESV).

SIL; WYCLIFFE NETHERLANDS

## **DAY 5: SHATIKHA\*; Southeast Asia (15,000)**

Thank the Lord for protecting the Shatikha translation team in the midst of a tumultuous and unsettling time in their country. Despite the turmoil, the team completed typesetting the New Testament this year — in a complicated non-Roman script — and the books are at the printer. The team is hoping to dedicate the New Testament this Christmas!

### **Prayer points:**

- » For God’s Word to bring hope and light to the Shatikha.
- » Peace in a troubled land. May the country and Shatikha community experience God’s peace. “In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O LORD, will keep me safe” (Psalm 4:8, NLT).
- » That the team will complete the translation and a consultant check of Genesis. This book is foundational to a culture with no understanding of a monotheistic God and creator who is eternal.
- » Consistent progress as the team translates Psalms. The psalms will help the Shatikha understand that God is a personal God and they can talk with Him directly when they pray.

## **DAY 6: GABRI MAJA; Chad (73,000)**

Mysticism and animism have a stronghold over Chad, and people live in fear of spirits. Churches are actively working toward the day when they will see everyone impacted by Scripture in their language. Praise the Lord — the team completed typesetting the Gabri Maja New Testament in Yaoundé, Cameroon this year and hope it will be printed and dedicated soon! An audio recording of the New Testament was recorded earlier in 2023 and will soon be made available to the community.

### **Prayer points:**

- » That printing will be successful and the Gabri Maja New Testaments will be safely transported to the language area.
- » Wisdom for those planning a dedication celebration that includes all parts of the community and brings glory to God.

- » The creation of an New Testament Android app with text and audio — this will be instrumental in reaching the Gabri Maja.

SEED COMPANY; SIL

## **DAY 7: NORTH WAHGI; Papua New Guinea (68,000)**

The North Wahgi live on the northeast edge of the expansive Wahgi Valley and are one of the largest language groups in Papua New Guinea. Most are subsistence farmers who grow crops such as coffee, sweet potatoes, beans, bananas and corn as well as green leafy vegetables that grow due to abundant rainfall. Goats, chickens and some cattle are also raised for livestock. After reading available Scripture portions in her language, one North Wahgi woman shared, “The meaning of God’s Word is clear in our language. We’ve read the Bible in the trade language [and] the meaning isn’t clear. We’ve tried to understand English but it is a hard language. We didn’t understand it because it isn’t our language. But we’ve understood what we have learned in our language. ...”

### **Prayer points:**

- » A smooth, timely and accurate typesetting process for the New Testament.
- » That God will raise up leaders after His own heart among the North Wahgi churches.
- » For God to prepare people’s hearts to receive His Word, and that they would rely on Scripture — rather than cultural influences — to govern their lives. “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect” (Romans 12:2, NLT).

GLOBAL PARTNERS/ ETHNOS 360; NTM-PNG

## **DAY 8: EASTERN HIGHLAND OTOMÍ; Mexico (100,000)**

Most of the Otomí people live in remote communities and urgently need to hear God’s Word. Some express interest in the Bible, but they want it in their language because they don’t understand Spanish well. Rejoice that soon they will have the whole Bible in Otomí! There are challenges for the translation team, however.

### **Prayer points:**

- » For God to provide finances for the translators who are working on final details; their funding source ended last year. Ask the Lord to also lead them to a good printing firm and provide resources to print the Bible.
- » Protection and good health for the translation team.
- » That the team has fruitful visits to remote communities, sharing the gospel and Scripture. “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the

messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!” (Isaiah 52:7, NLT)

- » Successful literacy workshops that teach people how to read God’s Word in Otomí.
- » A glorious dedication with many attending and purchasing Bibles to use in their homes and churches.

#### UNIÓN NACIONAL DE TRADUCTORES INDÍGENAS

### DAY 9: ISNAG; Philippines (65,000)

Praise God, the Isnag people will have a complete Bible this year! Using the computer software program Adapt-It, an Isnag translator completed all Old Testament books except for Genesis and Exodus, which had previously been done. Last year the books were consultant checked, and the entire Bible was reviewed to ensure that key terms, parallel passages and quotes from the Old Testament were consistent throughout both the Old and New Testament. The whole Bible was printed this year, and the dedication is planned for June 25!

#### Prayer points:

- » That God will guide the community as they plan the dedication. They hope to celebrate in the village of Dibagat in June. Pray for good weather and that many will be able to attend.
- » That Isnag believers will grow in spiritual maturity as they interact with the full Scriptures in their language. May they be “... like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do” (Psalm 1:3, NLT).

#### SIL

### DAY 10: CHONYI; Kenya (184,000)

Christ is transforming Chonyi lives through the Bible Translation & Literacy (BTL) organization in Kenya. During a recent prayer event, the assistant county commissioner thanked BTL for their efforts in promoting community peace and for translating the New Testament into the Chonyi language. Last year, the team read through the New Testament with local speakers to ensure the Scriptures were clear and accurate. Rejoice that the manuscript will be typeset and published this year!

#### Prayer points:

- » Attention to detail as the team prepares the final text, maps, glossary of terms, footnotes, illustrations and cross references for typesetting.
- » Strong community support and sufficient funds to publish and dedicate the Chonyi New Testament.
- » Energy and endurance for the team as they launch the Old Testament translation project.
- » God’s blessing on the team and comfort for one lead translator who experienced a death in his family.

#### BIBLE TRANSLATION & LITERACY

### DAY 11: ISLES OF THE SEA CLUSTER PROJECT — *Nukeria language*; Papua New Guinea (500)

Nukeria is a Polynesian language spoken on Fead Island, one of 18 small islands east of Papua New Guinea. Give thanks for the excellent quality of the New Testament translation by the adviser and Nukeria translation team in spite of adverse circumstances due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

#### Prayer points:

- » For the New Testament to be finished so that it can be formatted and printed.
- » God’s divine leading in finding a printing location for the completed Nukeria New Testament.
- » A bountiful spiritual harvest as people encounter the Word of God in their language for the first time.

#### SEED COMPANY; SIL — ISLES-OF-THE-SEA.ORG

### DAY 12: MANAMBU; Papua New Guinea (2,100)

The truth of James 1:2-3 resonates with Ken and Rosa Nayau, two translators who work with the Manambu: “Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow” (NLT). Last year, Ken encountered technical problems with his Paratext software, a tool useful in evaluating the accuracy and consistency of translation drafts. He had to temporarily postpone the lengthy and detailed typesetting stage for the Manambu New Testament until this year.

#### Prayer points:

- » Stamina for Ken as he completes New Testament formatting and collaborates with the typesetting coordinator.
- » A smooth and timely transition into the printing and publishing phase.
- » Health and protection for the translators and the Manambu people.
- » That the community would eagerly desire God’s Word and many would place their trust in Jesus.

#### PAPUA NEW GUINEA BIBLE TRANSLATION ASSOCIATION

### DAY 13: TALAPATRA CLUSTER PROJECT — *Obika\* language*; South Asia (180,000)

The Obika team has faced many challenges in their translation work, including setbacks from COVID-19 and a shortage of consultants available to check the New Testament manuscript. Although their pace slowed for a time, the team is grateful to God for bringing the project closer to the finish line. Prayer is crucial during these final stages as the team typesets, prints and publishes the Scriptures this year. May Christ protect their efforts

and guide them in His truth: “The LORD is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. He is close to those who trust in him” (Nahum 1:7, NLT).

**Prayer points:**

- » Wisdom for the team as they work with the typesetter prior to printing. Pray for a quality print job with sturdy pages and durable binding.
- » An impactful dedication celebration that unifies the community and motivates Obika believers to use the New Testaments.
- » For Jesus to reveal Himself to the Obika through His Word. Pray that many people would surrender to His call and be saved.

**DAY 14: YAMDENA; Indonesia (40,000)**

By God’s grace, a consultant checked the entire Yamdena New Testament and it is ready for typesetting. The team will proofread to ensure the translation is precise and has exceptional readability. After the final stages are complete, the New Testament will be printed. Prayer is crucial as the Yamdena prepare to receive, study and implement the Word in their lives. May the Lord direct their steps and faithfully guide them across the finish line.

**Prayer points:**

- » An error-free typesetting process and insight for the team as they discuss printing options.
- » For the Scripture engagement program to grow so the Yamdena will participate in reading the New Testament in their language. Pray that individuals and families will eagerly desire to use God’s Word.
- » For all local church bodies to accept and use the Scriptures. “For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding” (Proverbs 2:6, ESV).

**KARTIDAYA**

**DAY 15: KOMA; Ghana (8,500)**

God is working mightily in Ghana! In 2022, the Koma translation team completed the print and audio versions of the entire Bible. They plan to dedicate the Scriptures this year. As the Koma near the finish line, they are eager and enthusiastic to receive God’s Word in their language. May Christ shine through them and bring light to the whole community! “No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house” (Matthew 5:15, NLT).

**Prayer points:**

- » Patience as the team trusts in the Father’s timing for the final publication stages.
- » Quality printing and binding of the Koma Bible. Pray for safe shipping and a well-attended dedication ceremony.

- » For local people and pastors to use the Koma Scriptures in their homes and churches.
- » Receptive hearts and growing spiritual maturity among the believers. May the seeds of God’s Word in their lives bear much fruit.

**GHANA INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS, LITERACY AND BIBLE TRANSLATION**

**DAY 16: SEKADAU; Asia (15,000)**

The entire New Testament as well as Old Testament portions have been drafted in the Sekadau language! The translation team completed all consultant checks this year and are conducting community read-throughs to ensure the translation is clear and natural. Translated Scriptures are being used in village church services, and many Sekadau are already using available Scripture portions on a phone app. The translation team is hopeful to dedicate and distribute the New Testament in spring 2024.

**Prayer points:**

- » Attention to detail as the translation team completes book introductions and adds maps and pictures. Pray for an accurate and timely typesetting and printing process for the New Testament.
- » For God to call local believers and pastors into the ministry.
- » For local believers to grow strong spiritually as they read and listen to Scripture portions. “And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness” (Colossians 2:6-7, NLT).

**GLOBAL PARTNERS**

**DAY 17: ANIOMA-GHOTUO CLUSTER PROJECT — Enuani, Ghotuo, Ndokwa and Ulukwumi languages; Nigeria (1,041,700)**

The goal of this cluster project is for teams to publish a New Testament and produce the “JESUS” film in each of the four languages. Praise God that the teams have produced the “JESUS” film in Enuani, Ghotuo, Ndokwa and Ulukwumi, and people have accepted Christ! Thank the Lord that the teams were able to work together on their New Testament translations despite security issues in the area. Last year all four New Testaments were typeset and audio recordings of their New Testaments were produced. Members of this project are also passing on the knowledge and skills they acquired during the translation process to many other language groups.

**Prayer points:**

- » Unity, stamina and good health for the four teams, their families and technical partners as they complete the detailed publication phase of their New Testaments.

- » Safety for the teams and their families.
- » For the Lord to open the eyes of the Enuani, Ghotuo, Ndokwa and Ulukwumi as they listen to and read His Word in their language. “Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions” (Psalm 119:18, NLT).

#### MISSION FOR LANGUAGE TRANSLATION

### **DAY 18: SEBAT CLUSTER PROJECT — Bilen, Inor, Kara and Zay languages; Ethiopia (464,000)**

The Lord is guiding the Sebat Cluster Project and drawing more Ethiopians into His Kingdom. Bilen translators and believers are working together to establish a church in a major city. Faithful Inor, Kara and Zay team members overcome daily obstacles as they make strides toward the finish line. The Kara practice traditional customs and rituals, and the team is committed to seeing people turn to God as a result of Scripture in their language. God’s Word is necessary for healing the Inor and Kay communities: Drug use among young adults in the Inor community has increased, while translators and others in the Zay community were afflicted by malaria last year. Despite the difficulties, the teams have diligently performed various checks and consultations to prepare the New Testaments for publication.

#### **Prayer points:**

- » For God to provide the Bilen team with more translators and to bless their church-planting efforts.
- » Additional workshops for consultants checking the Inor and Zay New Testaments.
- » For more consultants to join the Kara team and continue checks of their New Testament manuscript. Pray that churches will use the Kara Scriptures for evangelism and discipleship.
- » Good health for the teams and continued healing for a Zay translator who underwent major surgery last year.

#### WYCLIFFE ETHIOPIA

### **DAY 19: RAKALI CLUSTER PROJECT — Kawzyaw\*, Manyaw\* and Talya\* languages; Southeast Asia (7,000)**

Severe unrest in the country has caused many in these groups to flee to the mountains or other areas, which has impacted Bible translation work. Praise God that two Talya story crafters who are not yet believers love crafting Bible stories and say it brings them joy. They have completed five stories from the New Testament and are working on more!

#### **Prayer points:**

- » Safety and protection for the translators and their people groups. Ask God to intervene, end the brutality, restore peace and allow them to return to their homes.

- » The printing and distribution of the Kawzyaw, Manyaw and Talya New Testaments this year. Each has been completed and typeset but has not been sent to the printers because unrest makes storage and distribution uncertain.
- » For the story crafters to continue Bible storying training and to craft stories in the communities. Sharing Bible stories orally helps people engage with Scripture and become enthusiastic about God’s Word. Pray that people will be drawn to Christ, especially among the Talya who have few believers.

### **DAY 20: MOKPWE; Cameroon (20,000)**

Amid intense ongoing civil conflict, God continues to move among the Mokpwe! Church and community leaders are highly involved in the translation project because they want the Scriptures in their language. While the New Testament is waiting for final approval before printing, the Mokpwe put their trust in Jesus. “The LORD is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O LORD, do not abandon those who search for you” (Psalm 9:9-10, NLT).

#### **Prayer points:**

- » For the final approval of the typeset New Testament and a mistake-free printing process that results in quality books.
- » Enthusiasm for the Inter-Church Committee as they continue to rally the Mokpwe people around the Word of God and wisdom as they plan a God-honoring celebration for the Mokpwe New Testament.
- » Peace in the Mokpwe homeland that can only come from God. “For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs” (Zephaniah 3:17, NLT).

#### CAMEROON ASSOCIATION FOR BIBLE TRANSLATION AND LITERACY

### **DAY 21: MAKORI\*; West Africa (1,000,000)**

The Makori are mostly farmers, craftsmen and merchants. Farmers raise millet, sorghum, corn and peanuts, and some also keep sheep, goats and horses. Most Makori follow another major religion; Christians are few, and insurgents threaten their way of life. Praise the Lord for the completion of all consultant checks last year. The New Testament was recorded this year in audio format with help from Faith Comes by Hearing. The team is working with a typesetter to prepare the New Testament in Roman and Ajami scripts, two scripts used in the local area.

#### **Prayer points:**

- » For streamlined typesetting of the New Testament in two scripts and successful printing of the New Testament in South Korea; pray for God’s power

over the process so nothing will delay delivery of His precious book to the Makori people.

- » Diligence and stamina for the Makori translation team as they produce Scripture apps for smartphones with the newly completed audio recordings of the New Testament so God's Word is accessible to all Makori.
- » That the Makori will be transformed by God's Word. May Scripture be a light shining in a dark place, hope for the hopeless and help to the needy.

### **DAY 22: HARUM\*; Southeast Asia (300,000)**

Every day the Harum translation team draws closer to the finish line! Consultants checked John and Revelation last year. Once the five remaining New Testament books are consultant checked, the manuscript will be ready for proofreading and typesetting. The team has faced many challenges, including remote work, unstable internet connection and COVID-19. Yet, they press forward, "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6, NIV).

#### **Prayer points:**

- » Clarity and wisdom for the consultants as they check the remaining New Testament books.
- » Attention to detail during proofreading and an accurate typesetting process.
- » Continued evangelism and discipleship among the Harum people who primarily follow a false religion. Pray they would be involved in the translation process and transformed by God's Word.

### **DAY 23: SUKHA\*, South Asia (7,500)**

Praise God, the Sukha translation team completed all consultant checks of the New Testament last year, began the typesetting process this May and will soon begin working on an audio recording. The translators have also drafted 100 Bible stories for a children's Bible as part of their Scripture engagement efforts. They continue to lead a church of Sukha believers and provide online options for Sukha people from other countries to join.

#### **Prayer points:**

- » That the Sukha team can continue to visit remote communities in the country and witness to people there; they'd like to make at least three trips this year. Pray that God would speak to people's hearts and open their eyes to accept His salvation.
- » Grace and stamina for the translation team, especially two of the lead translators who are also young mothers.
- » For Sukha believers around the world to grow in their faith.

### **DAY 24: FEONIX\*; Africa (1,100,000)**

The Lord is building His church among the Feonix, a people group who predominantly followed another major religion for centuries! Pastors are being trained, people are coming to faith in Jesus daily, and the New Testament and Old Testament portions are being translated.

#### **Prayer points:**

- » Health, safety and provision for the translation team and their families. High costs of living, visa issues and personal tragedies have created unique challenges for them.
- » For the Holy Spirit to guide the translation team daily as they complete the New Testament manuscript and Old Testament portions.
- » That the church would continue to grow, both in numbers and the depth of their understanding. "And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47b, NLT).

### **DAY 25: LONGUDA; Nigeria (99,000)**

Even though the Longuda team has faced many financial challenges, they continue to rely on God's plan for their Bible project. The team is comprised of farmers who must grow crops to feed their families in addition to working on Scripture translation. Last year, the community set up a fundraising event to assist with reviews and read-throughs of the New Testament. By God's grace, the team has reached the typesetting stage which will take over a year to complete.

#### **Prayer points:**

- » Stability in northwest Nigeria and security for the translation team and Longuda community.
- » Wisdom for the team as they collaborate with the typesetter.
- » Funds to complete the entire Longuda Bible project. Pray for the team to trust in God's provision and finish strong.
- » Unity among the people and a great longing to receive the Word in Longuda. May the Scriptures speak to their hearts and draw them to Jesus.

#### **NIGERIA BIBLE TRANSLATION TRUST**

### **DAY 26: TAVETA; Kenya (26,590)**

The Taveta are an agricultural society primarily involved in subsistence and cash crop farming. They grow bananas, sugarcane, cotton and various fruits. In the late 1800s, a missionary group brought the gospel to the community, and today the majority of Taveta are Christians. Even so, the people have experienced social and political division which has threatened their unity. The translation team hopes to bring the Taveta together in one accord through God's Word.

### **Prayer points:**

- » The Holy Spirit's guidance as the team translates the last four New Testament books.
- » Keen eyes for consultants as they check the text for accuracy and consistency.
- » Relief from regional drought and an ongoing fuel crisis. Pray that environmental factors won't prohibit the team's translation progress.
- » Good health and God's provision for team members and their families.
- » For the Taveta to have fertile hearts that are ready to accept the Scriptures and grow in the love of Christ. "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13, NIV).

### **BIBLE TRANSLATION & LITERACY**

### **DAY 27: VAGAS\*; Southeast Asia (55,000)**

The Vagas translation team encountered setbacks the last few years due to COVID-19 lockdowns and travel schedules. Praise God that last year they made progress translating 2 Corinthians and revising Matthew and Mark. When they finish Matthew and Mark, they will revise Luke and ensure that passages common to more than one Gospel match. Give thanks that the team received funding to complete the New Testament; you prayed for this last year in The Finish Line!

### **Prayer points:**

- » Health, stamina and wisdom to complete the remaining books of the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke, 2 Corinthians, 1-2 Peter and Jude).
- » Keen eyes for the final read-through and proofreading of the manuscript before publication. Pray that the participants will discover any remaining errors.
- » Smooth typesetting and recording processes and reliable, functioning equipment.
- » Fertile soil in Vagas hearts so that many will come to a transforming relationship with Christ. Pray that many will purchase copies, use them daily and listen to the audio recording.

### **DAY 28: BASHKIR; Russia (1,600,000)**

Two Russian organizations, who separately translated the New Testament and the Old Testament, partnered with a broader team to produce the complete Bible in one book. Team members completed proofreading the entire Bible last year and the Russian Academy of Sciences has approved the Bible for publication! Praise God for faithful and committed translators and that local believers have been strongly involved and eagerly wait for the Bible.

### **Prayer points:**

- » For quality printing and binding and that the published books will be delivered in a timely manner.
- » Good distribution channels for the Bible.
- » That the Bashkir people will grasp Almighty God's personal love and character as they read the Bible. Many of them honor and respect God but feel He is distant. Pray that they will hear God speaking to them like never before. "... may you have the power to understand ... how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is" (Ephesians 3:18, NLT).

**BIBLE SOCIETY OF RUSSIA; INSTITUTE FOR BIBLE TRANSLATION (RUSSIA/CIS); SIL; UNITED BIBLE SOCIETIES**

### **DAY 29: ALVARE\* and ZAVAR\*; Cameroon (8,500 and 10,500)**

The Alvare and Zavar communities are committed to their translation teams and have moved forward translating the Old Testament while their New Testaments are being printed. They hope to dedicate their New Testaments this year!

### **Prayer points:**

- » For the New Testaments to be printed and shipped to Cameroon in a timely manner.
- » Good functioning equipment and healthy staff in the firm that prints the New Testament.
- » That the Holy Spirit will work through the translation teams as they translate the Old Testament.
- » Transformed hearts as the Word of God touches people's lives in their language. May the Alvare and Zavar "hear God's word, cling to it, and ... produce a huge harvest" (Luke 8:15b, NLT).

### **SIL**

### **DAY 30: IKPOSSO; Ghana & Togo (233,500)**


The Akposso Community is 95% Christian, and their churches are patiently waiting to receive the Word of God in their language of Ikposso. The New Testament was completed and the manuscript was sent to a printer in Ghana at the end of 2021. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the New Testament wasn't printed that year and was resent to a printer in South Korea in 2022. Give thanks, the Ikposso New Testament was printed this year!

### **Prayer points:**

- » Safe and timely transport of New Testaments from South Korea to Togo. Pray especially for customs approval and release from the port.

- » Efficiency and insight for the team as they organize a dedication ceremony that will motivate people and churches to engage with the Scriptures.
- » For the Akposso community to be prepared to welcome their New Testament. May each believer cry out, “With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever” (Psalm 86:12, NLT).

ALLIANCE BIBLIQUE DU TOGO; PATBID; SIL

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