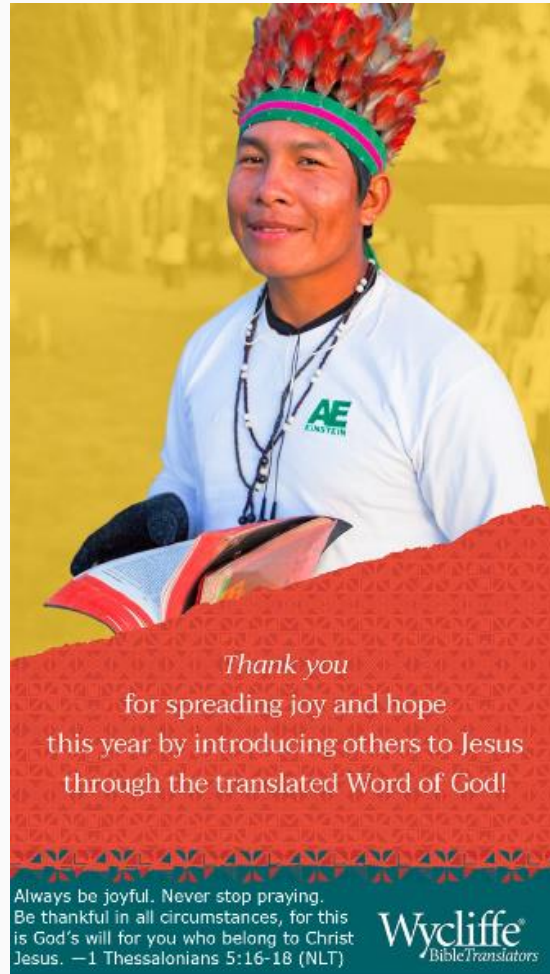




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Bible Translators

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## Thankful for Milestones

The American Sign Language Version (ASLV) of the Bible began translation work in 1982. Now, Deaf Americans can experience all of God's Word in a language and format they clearly understand -- it's the first complete Bible in sign language! The [Deaf.Bible](#) provides access to sign language Scripture in 33 sign languages as of today.

You can also find helpful prayer points @ <https://www.wycliffe.org/prayer/how-to-pray-for-sign-language-translation>

## How to Find Scripture in Different Languages

Have you ever met someone who did not speak English as their first language, and wished you could give them God's Word in their mother tongue? Great news! Scripture has been translated into almost 3,500 languages as of today. For some people that means a complete Bible, for some a New Testament, for others Scripture portions. There are written text versions in print and digital, along with a number of related video and audio recordings. [Find.Bible](#), [ScriptureEarth.org](#), [Bible.is](#), [Global.bible](#), and [JesusFilm.org](#) are just a few that are offered on [Wycliffe.net's resource pages](#).



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## Thankful for Divine Appointments

### Full Circle Prayer

"Wait, what? I *know* you, Dorothea!" Florence, her husband, and their three children arrived in New York City on a cold night December 27, 2019. Coming from Kenya to a new job would have been enough of a shock, but ... COVID. The country shut down a few weeks later, jarring the family further. They hadn't had time to make friends and settle in. They were confined at home while all of us watched NYC suffer heavy casualties.

When I called, Florence said, "This is amazing -- prayer has come full circle! In Kenya, I prayed for you when I began working at Bible Translation and Literacy, East Africa." During orientation for her new communications position she read articles we had written in the little newspaper, "Call of Kenya." She prayed through those and our prayer letters during her initial days, years ago. On the phone, she recounted some of the events she had prayed for. But we had never actually met. "And now," she said, "here you are, assigned to pray for *me*! Your call is a gift from God."

In her new position, Florence will help multiple organizations collaborate as we near the finish line.

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## Divine Appointment Card

Do you see the verse from 1 Thessalonians at the top of this message, under the picture of the man with the feathered headdress? I, Dorothea, sent that card to a donor for whom I pray. She opened it and called me right away asking, "Could you possibly mail me four more of these cards? I want to frame one for each of our four grandchildren. It has become *our verse* for this season of our lives!"

Then she told me the miraculous story of God saving four of her family members when their **small plane crashed and burned in Alaska** this year. They are dealing with severe burns, skin grafts, and spiritual questions from their grandchildren. "It just so happens" that 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 was used on the card AND it shapes their mindset through this extended time of painful burn treatments and recovery.

## Thankful for Your Teamwork

### Partners

Many of you have been active partners in Bible translation through prayer and finances. We most often talk about remaining language groups that need Bible translation, believing that all people, no matter the size of their language group, deserve to have access to God's Word in a language they understand best.

But there's another way to look at it. Here's what your teamwork has accomplished in terms of **population**.

World population was about **7.9 billion** as of September 2021. We are thanking God that about **7.04 billion** people now have access to some Scripture -- either full Bibles, complete New Testaments, or Scripture portions.

You can see a fuller picture that explains this in more detail, including the math nerd facts and much more at [wycliffe.net/resources/statistics/](https://wycliffe.net/resources/statistics/)



## Praise and Prayer Requests

- Praise the Lord for His efforts to reach all people with His life-giving Word, and that He lets us join Him in His work!
- Praise God for the first complete sign language translation!
- Pray for the completion of about 350 remaining sign language translations.
- Continue praying for Bible translations in languages with no Scripture, those in preparation for translation to begin, and those in progress. All are in difficult-to-reach areas.
- Please ask God to give Jim and me the measure of health and strength needed to do what He asks of us. Jim's pain levels are very high right now.
- Please continue asking God to heal our eldest daughter, Liz. Right now she is mostly confined to bed, in horrific pain, not able to eat much or be the wife and mother she wants to be.
- Please ask God to provide our son, Will, with the work He wants him to do.
- Please ask God to enable our youngest daughter, Evangel, to serve her Lord well in her role as wife, mother of young children, and infusion nurse coordinator.