

## I have a confession to make . . .

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Dear Friend in Christ,

I have trouble sleeping. When I think about the millions who still wait for even a single word of Scripture in their own heart language, it keeps me awake.

Recently, I was lying in bed thinking about Revelation 7:9—

*“. . . There before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands” (NIV).*

This is a picture of the exciting celebration you and I will experience when we stand before God’s throne, along with everyone who calls Jesus, “Lord.” What breaks my heart is imagining those who won’t be there.

**Millions still wait for God’s Word in their own heart language in the Timor region and the surrounding islands of Indonesia.**

Right now, more than 65 Bible translators are feverishly working to share God’s Word in 80 different languages. But they need our help.

These translators urgently need our support, because the more of God’s Word they provide to the people of this region, the more demand grows. Some of the languages—spoken by as many as half a million people—are still waiting for Scripture.

We must do all that we can to share the gospel . . . while we can!

That’s why I’m praying you’ll send an immediate gift to impact these critical translation projects by supporting the efforts of nationals—“mother tongue translators.” These are people who already live there, who speak the language, who understand the culture, and who can travel without limitations in their own country.

They are deeply committed. They’re willing to work. They urgently want to see God’s Word in the heart language of their people. But they need our help.

**Please help Wycliffe Associates equip and train these dedicated men and women to reach those in Timor still waiting for the hope of God’s Word. We cannot do it without you.**

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With your support, national translators not only see incredible changes among their people, but in their own lives as well. Translator Ribkah Kedoh-Jacob said, "As a member of the team, I say 'amen' for the truth I've found in the Bible. God's Word brings new life to replace the old life. Especially mine!"

Translator Oma said, "I've learned a lot about God. I've learned that we must love each other, keep following God's will, and do good things. Even if we have difficulties in life, we must keep trusting God."

Some of the languages they are helping to translate represent vast numbers of souls. Jesus suffered and died for every one of them—every one of them urgently needs to know Christ, and understand the gospel in their heart language.

**Which is why I'm writing you with such urgency today to ask for your help. We need a total of \$100,000 this year to accelerate translation efforts in Timor. Will you help by considering a gift today? Your answer could impact where millions spend eternity . . .**

Instead of nameless faces in the crowd around God's throne, imagine souls like Ribkah and Oma running toward you as fast as they can, tackling you, embracing you, smiling from ear to ear as you join together in praising God loudly. You jump for joy as they introduce you to their children, their neighbors, and more . . . all because you gave to give *them* God's Word.

There is so much to do! When I think of eternity, it is hard to waste precious moments sleeping. I want to do everything in my power to make sure just one more person has the opportunity to stand around the throne. And I believe you do, too. Your gift today will make a real difference.

Until the task is done,



Bruce A. Smith  
President/CEO

P.S. Imagine how hard it would be for you to understand God's love, grace, and promises if none of the Bibles in your home or at church were in English? **Please give as generously as you can for the millions who are still waiting for a Bible in their heart language.**