



## The WAM Report

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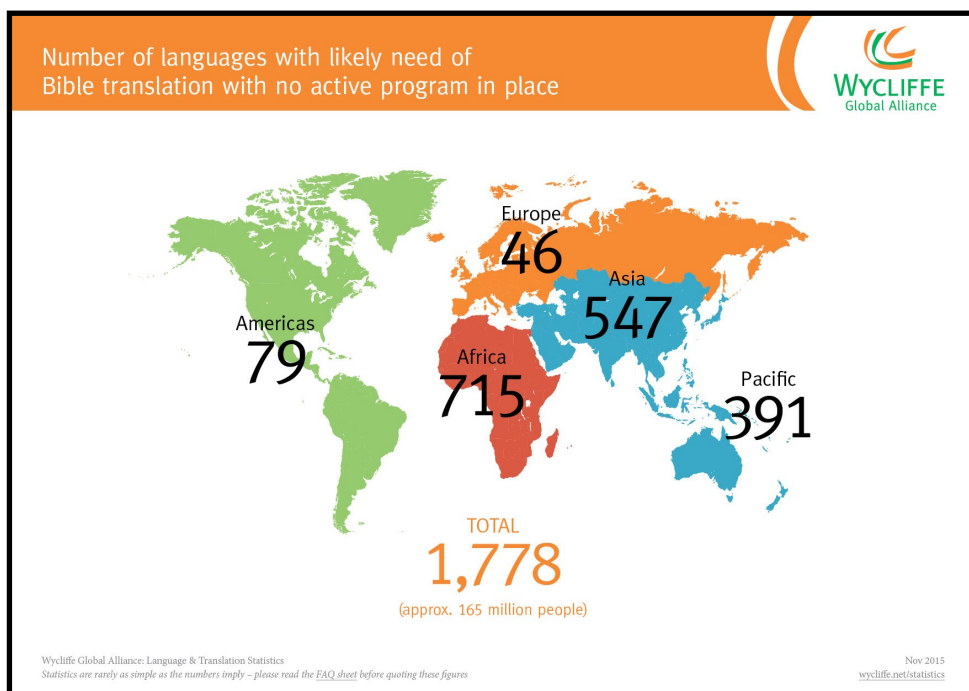
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## A Time For Celebration And Thanksgiving

The picture above was taken at Wycliffe's annual day of prayer a few weeks ago. It was a day to remember that the work of Wycliffe was founded on prayer. A time to celebrate the 27 New Testaments and whole Bibles that were dedicated this year (as well as 22 portions—one or more books of the Bible) in languages which had never had them. It was also time to pray for the work ahead, to finish the task of bringing God's Word to those who are still waiting. It was wonderful to hear the stories from around the world of how these translations were completed, the faithfulness of the translators and the joy of the people as they received the Word for the first time. One lady in central Africa expressed it this way, "when we hear the Word in the national language, it is like a leaky old bucket. The pastor preaches but the message is soon forgotten. But now when he preaches in our own language, God's Word remains in our hearts and minds!"

The very latest translation statistics have just been released—the number of new projects needing to be started is down to 1778. It sounds like an expansive amount that couldn't happen for decades. But Wycliffe has the goal to have a project started in every language in the next 10 years. Impossible? Many would say so, but we serve the God of the impossible! Interested in partnering with us is this historic work? Contact us for information on how to be involved or visit our website—[wamplus.org](http://wamplus.org).



In Sunday School class we have been studying Islam and how to witness to a Muslim the gospel of Jesus Christ. One thing we have learned is that Muslims are taught that the Bible has been corrupted and that the Quran is God's final and correct revelation. So one of the points to make when witnessing to a Muslim is to find common ground in that they worship only one true God - and if God is all powerful then can he not keep His word from corruption? Who is more powerful man or God? These questions get them to thinking about what they believe and often plant seeds of doubt in the teachings of Islam.

Part of the Alphabet Museum tour includes the Hebrew alphabet and the story of the Dead Sea Scrolls where it has been proven that God has preserved His Word over thousands of years. When the Dead Sea Scrolls dating back to 70 A.D. were compared with the next earliest writings of the Old Testament that were written 1000 years later, the manuscripts were word for word perfect, even to the extent of the placement of the words on the page. This past month, 600 local students from a public school spent a whole day touring the JAARS Center and learning about Bible Translation. Wendy helped to give tours at the Alphabet Museum. In one of her groups there were 3 children from Jordan. Please pray with us that the Lord will continue to plant seeds in their lives to one day choose to follow the truth of Jesus Christ who lived and died for them, making a way for them to come to God. Islam does not teach assurance of salvation from hell, but depends on their good deeds out weighing their bad deeds to get them to heaven.



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We praise God:

- For the forty-nine additional languages which have received some or all of His Word in 2015.
- For how He has met our needs this past year.

Please pray:

- For God to put it on the hearts of additional people and churches to become part of our ministry team.
- For our colleagues serving in Central Africa in war torn areas.
- For those visiting the JAARS center to catch the vision of Bible Translation.
- For Wendy as she organizes the Christmas banquet for the JAARS teenagers.

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