



The WAM Report

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Vision 2025—Look at what God is doing!

(Adapted from <https://www.wycliffe.org/blog/posts/beyond-vision-2025>)

Vision 2025 is the vision that a translation program would be in progress in every language still needing one by 2025. Although Vision 2025 is not yet complete, there are only 541 languages still needing Bible translation. Of these, approximately 400 languages have plans that are ready for launch but additional funding is needed to say “yes” to starting these new languages.

Saying “Yes” To Those Still Waiting

Imagine Bible translation as a grand stage production.

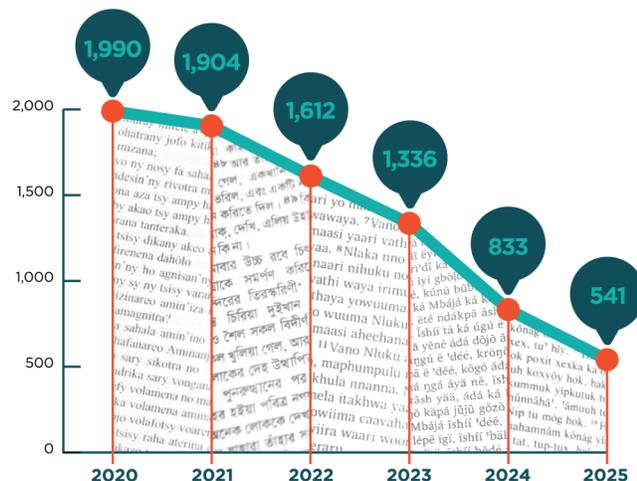
Behind the curtain, approximately 541 language communities are waiting for their cue, eager to step onto the stage and take their place in God’s story. On the stage, nearly 3,000 languages are already performing. These are the communities where translation work is actively underway and supported.

As each language completes its part — the moment when Scripture becomes available for the first time — they step off the stage, making room for others still waiting in the wings. Wycliffe wants to say “yes” to every performer ready to join in. But we also want to ensure that no one leaves the stage before their part is complete.

To welcome every new language community — every new performer — the stage itself must grow. You can help expand the stage. You can pray for those translating and those waiting to begin the work. You can give to sustain the work already on stage and provide additional resources to invite new languages to step into the light. And you can advocate by telling others the story of what God is doing so more people can join in.

Together we can make room for every language community to take the stage in God’s story so that all people can encounter Him through Scripture they clearly understand.

Vision 2025 Remaining Needs



The Hardest of the Hard

Four areas include the greatest remaining needs for Bible translation to start: East Asia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the global Deaf. Just two years ago, these regions represented more than 800 languages without Scripture. Today, that number has dropped by more than half, with fewer than 400 remaining!

News from Wendy

A year ago I started training once a week with our local Help Pregnancy Center to become a volunteer counselor. I have always wanted to be a counselor but Wycliffe wasn't looking for counselors back when I joined up 34 years ago. In September I completed my training with the Pregnancy Center and I have been counseling one day a week.

Each week it is different, sometimes I counsel with women in their forties who are surprised by a pregnancy and sometimes it's a teenager. Some women are in need of clothes and diapers for their baby and others need help deciding how to navigate their unplanned pregnancy. I've been brought to tears over some of their decisions when their hearts are full of fear and hopelessness as they believe the lies of the world. I desire for God to use me as His vessel to speak truth into their lives. My goal is to share the gospel with each woman and tell them of the hope they can have in Jesus. Please pray for God to redeem the lives of these precious women, God desires that all come to know Him and know His great love for them.

Last year the Help Pregnancy Center saw over 2,500 women walk through our doors. The center also provided baby items, diapers and equipment for 74 baby showers which our local church partners hosted. And we provided gently used, donated clothes for over 800 children.

I'm still working at the JAARS boutique once or twice a week and I get to sort through donations that help provide for the physical needs of missionaries and at times I get to pray for them too. Over the years, God has provided over and over again for our personal clothing and household needs through the boutique.

I am also still working as a Spiritual Coach for young college graduates that are at JAARS for a year in our Fellows Program. It's such a privilege to encourage them in their spiritual journey with their Savior, meeting with them on a weekly basis.

Wendy and Mike Buchanan



We praise God:

- For the progress we are seeing in Bible translation projects being started.
- For all of you, our partners in ministry, who give and pray for us in this work.
- That our personal monthly financial needs are being met.

Please pray:

- For peace in CAR and Congo so that Bible translation would not be hindered.
- For wisdom for Wendy as she counsels women at the Help Pregnancy Center.
- For the funds need to reach the final 541 languages with God's Word.

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