

Praise and Prayer Update - Lovings

December '09 - January '10

Dear Partners in Bible translation,

According to a report recently released by Wycliffe International, 2,252 languages may still need a Bible translation. SIL International and Wycliffe Bible Translators are now involved in programs for 1,363 languages that have the potential to speak to about 936 million people. (These languages represent 68% of known 1,990 active translation programs in progress.) In 2009, Wycliffe staff contributed to the completion of 25 New Testaments, 2 Bibles, and 26 New Testament revisions, with the potential of reaching some 10 million people. And in 2009, Wycliffe staff have also been involved in 6 JESUS film productions, 4 Luke videos, 4 Genesis videos, and 56 Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH) audio - New Testaments.

Praise

- For progress in Bible translation seen in 2009 by Wycliffe and others.
(see <http://bible-translation.110mb.com/vernacular.htm>)
- That FCBH has recorded 468 Audio Scripture recordings in 401 languages spoken by 4,527, 911,457 people – reaching listeners in more than 150 countries. (FCBH has a goal of recording all New Testaments that have ever been translated!) ·80,000+ new FCBH “listening programs” were started in 2009.
- For the good health he has given us so we may return to Papua New Guinea in 2010.

Prayer

- That God will help FCBH find two dedicated men to train as recorders and enable them to effectively train these men to begin recording the Awa NT in February 2010.
- That in 2010 “listening programs” will be started among the Awa people and they will hear and obey God as he speaks His Word to them in their heart language.
- For continued good health, and that the joy of the Lord will indeed be our strength!

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Wycliffe Bible Translators

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Ed and I praise God for the privilege Ed has had over the past few years to direct and teach in Wycliffe's intense, one-week TOTAL It Up! course. Now we praise God that this responsibility has been passed on to another. This comes at a good time, since we will not return from our Papua New Guinea trip till sometime in mid April.

Ed and Aretta Loving

P.S. TOTAL is an acronym for Taste of Translation and Linguistics. The course is designed to recruit Bible translators and those who will support Bible translation with their skills.

Email Ed:

ed_loving@jaars.org if you would like information on TOTAL It Up!

We would love to see some young people from Rockville Bible attend one of these courses! They are also held on the West coast.