

# ENDING BIBLE POVERTY

Accelerating translation, fueling global prayer to Bring God's Word to Everyone





Imagine if you didn't have access to Scripture in your spoken language...







#### **Global Bible Translation Realities**

\*as of Feb 2024



7,396 known languages in the world today. Progress.Bible | February 2024 (SNAPSHOT)

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### LESS THAN 750 LANGUAGES

Have the full Bible







### This is **Seed Company**

On a mission to accelerate Scripture translation and impact for people without God's Word through Great Commission partnerships.

Partner in Translation

We cultivate relationships with local leaders to produce trustworthy Scripture.

Build Movement Capacity

We equip individuals and organizations to thrive through customized growth programs.

Scale Translation Solutions

We seek new translation technologies and methods, scaling what works globally.





# Innovation & Acceleration

Bernie May started Seed Company after an idea to accelerate translation work by utilizing local speakers.

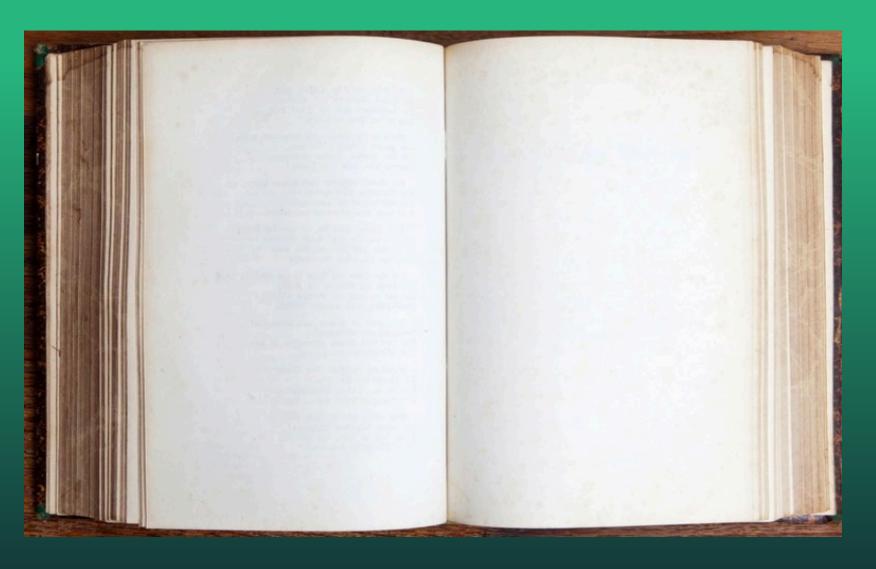
This innovative approach, known as the common framework, is used by nearly all translation agencies today!







# What Is Bible Poverty?





#### **HOW BIBLE TRANSLATION WORKS**

Through a collective of Bible Translation Partners and Field Partners

Through rigorous, consistent, integral persistence to advance the truths of Scripture in order to reach every and all.



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# IllumiNations: A Collective Impact Alliance

A collective impact alliance of Bible translation partners and resource partners working together to eradicate Bible poverty in this generation.































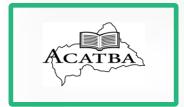


































# Field Partners

Bible translation Field
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to eradicate Bible poverty
in this generation.



#### PARTNERSHIP GOALS



Expand partnerships to include and engage the body of Christ.



Multiply efforts. Majority of current investors are individuals.



Mobilize the Church in Bible Translation. We can go further together.

**EXPAND** 

**MULTIPLY** 

**MOBILIZE** 



### THERE IS POWER IN GOD'S WORD

Power to transform
Power to restore and bring
supernatural deliverance
Power to unlock God's truth to
generations



# BENEFITS OF BIBLE TRANSLATION IN THE AFRICAN CONTEXT

- It helps people to reject false teachings
- Gives the church the most effective tool for evangelism
- Helps young people better understand/learn their mother tongue



# BENEFITS OF BIBLE TRANSLATION IN THE AFRICAN CONTEXT

- Helps to stop the death or decline of minority cultures
- Helps people to know what God wants for their lives
- Helps people to praise & worship God with understanding





#### THE RENDILLE PROJECT

Waha 'dubicho ka an yeye, orteey ka ururi weyti buurenye ekkees liiubaa'dane ilal tuumman ichoow yaafo tuumman ichoow 'doo'di fil tuummane ichoow afaf tuumman kayimiyye komborti Waakhe antoot ichoow Heleem ortiis ba toollo arge. Icho la kabuu'ddeti daddakhane gessateene toro la seytohi geeyi baare dahanohicho ka khucchaan. Icho la hooyi buure ka riireene, wihi icho yidaaheen, 'Waakkheenki komborti antoot kafiddiyo ichoow Heleem, ribnaanki inno laribo icho on leh."

Bakkaahit 7:9-10 Rendille, Northern Kenya After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Revelation 7:9-10 ESV



# WHAT'S NEEDED

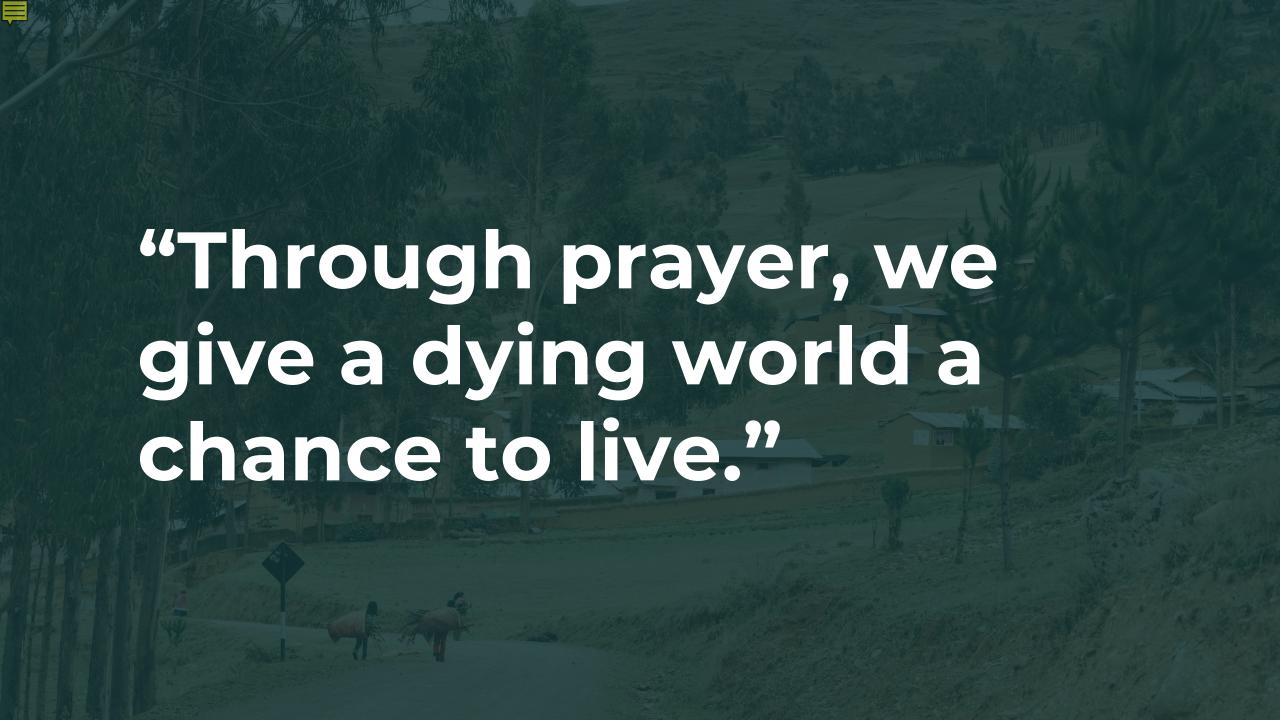
Mobilizing the Church to

Pray Maria M

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And kathered our adversary.

From the east and for the lands,
from the north and from the west,
south.



#### **Pray**

Hello



### **Take Your Place in History**

We could be the generation to translate God's Word into every language. Your prayers can make it happen.

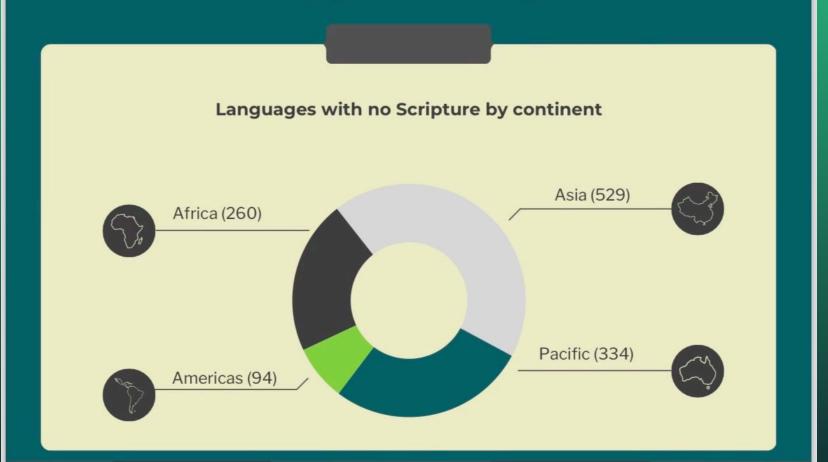




# Remaining Languages of Africa

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#### WHY PRAYER?

"Prayer needs no passport, visa or work permit. There is no such thing as a 'closed country' as far as prayer is concerned ... much of the history of mission could be written in terms of God moving in response to persistent prayer."



### The Big Four

Interceding for the Greatest BT Needs in the World

Papua New Guinea

Indonesia

China

Nigeria



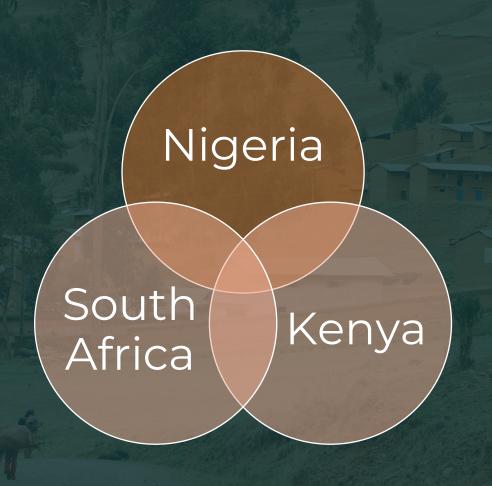
#### PRAY FOR ZERO AFRICA

A collaboration of a continental prayer harvest amongst people of like vision across 54 countries of Africa

Cultivating partnership, mobilizing momentum for Pray for Zero Africa and its BT projects.

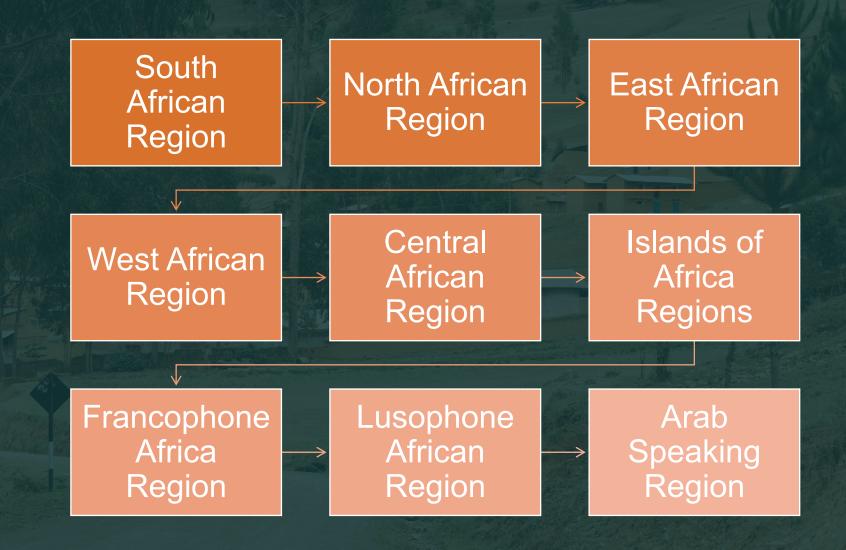
### PRAY FOR ZERO AFRICA -

Achieve Continental Mobilization through Gateway Nations



#### PRAY FOR ZERO AFRICA -

Existing African Regions served through Bible Translation



# PRAY FOR ZERO AFRICA Nairobi, Kenya



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#### THE POWER OF TRANSLATION - AFRICA

"Bible translation not only gives people access to the Scriptures, it also breathe the oxygen of local life and stimulates indigenous cultural renewal."

- Lamin Sanneh

# PRAY FOR ZERO AFRICA Getting to Zero in Africa

Is the language still alive?

Train consultants

Is the community behind it?

It requires
healthy
involvement
from the
community
and local
church



# PRAY FOR ZERO AFRICA Getting to Zero in Africa

First Draft

Reviewer Check Back Translation Consultant Check

Exegetical Check

Consistency Check

Revision

Format and Style Check

Proofreading

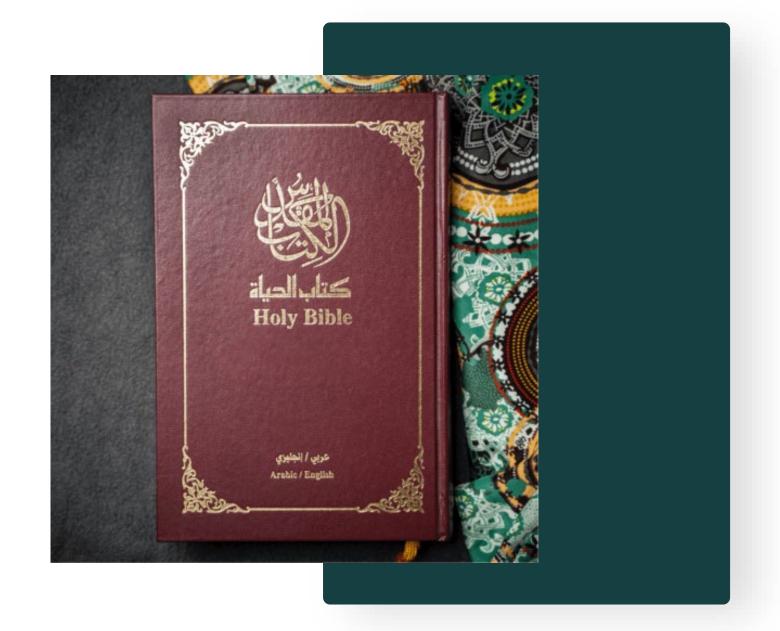
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#### NORTHERN AFRICA, EGYPT

Bible has been translated into Arabic and Coptic, with colloquial Arabic in development to reflect the original Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic.

Nations like Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia still need translation, e.g. Sign Language

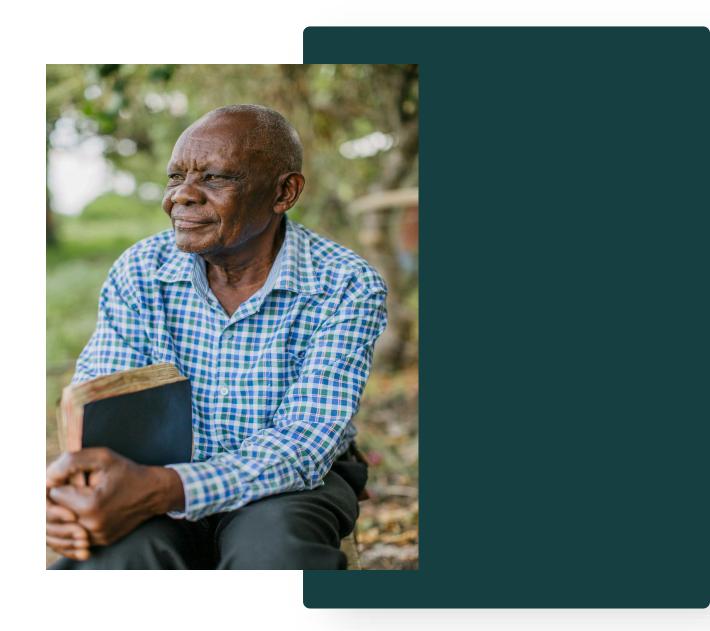




# ANGLOPHONE WEST AFRICA

Consultants in training – preparing to serve a context of witchcraft, ancestral worship, hostility toward Christians from Northern Nigeria, risks to their safety. Radical conversions.

After months and months of waiting, the NT for Bwaatiye has finally arrived at the Port of Lagos. A dedication planned for May.





#### SAHEL REGION

Instability, Sensitivity, & Conflict

Many of the remaining
Bible Translation needs are
in areas that are
dangerous to live in and
difficult to make long-term
translation project plans.
Prayer is needed for
protection against
kidnapping & attacks as
they travel to work
together.





## ANGLOPHONE EAST AFRICA

The Suri People, Ethiopia

Ethiopia Suri People project in progress for 30 years; and the team has grown extremely weary.





## Accelerating the Prayer Movement



1,000 Churches



100 Unceasing Prayer Hours





#### **1K Church Initiative**

Mobilizing 1,000 Churches to Pray for Zero by December 2025

The global church (urban and rural) praying for Bible Translation.



#### **Unceasing Prayer**

24/7/365 Days of Prayer for Bible Translation

Seeing a global concert of prayer happening on behalf of the Bibleless every hour of the day.





One of the greatest injustices of our time is that

#### 1 BILLION

people remain without a Bible in their own language



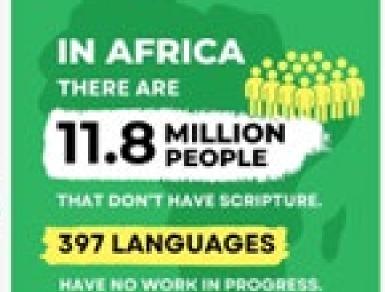
1000 LANGUAGES



IN THE WORLD

DON'T HAVE

A SINGLE BIBLE VERSE TRANSLATED



PRODUCTION AND ADDRESS.

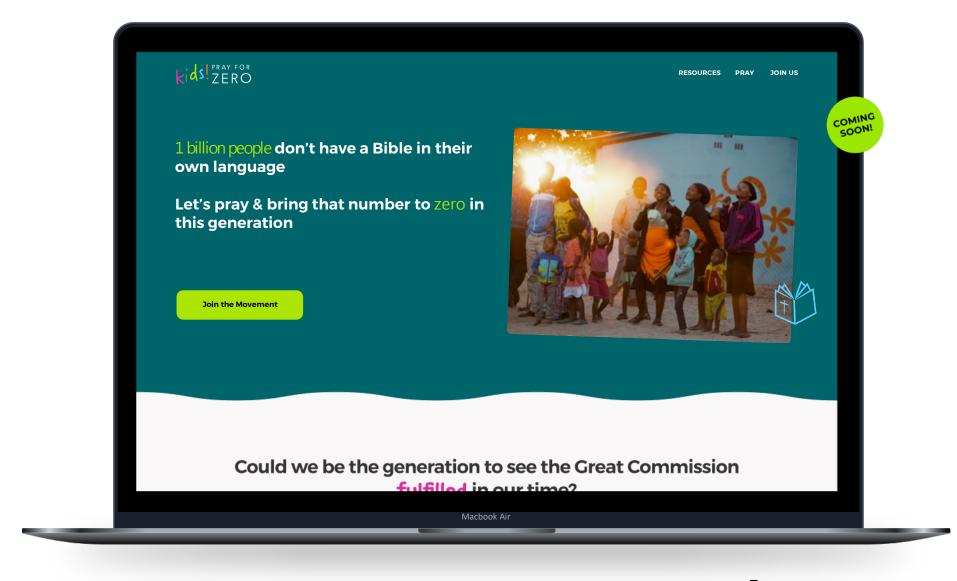
13,400 CURRENT PROJECTS

> IN 3,610 LANGUAGES.

> > THAT'S NEARLY
> > HALF OF ALL
> > LANGUAGES WORLDWIDE

PRODRESSMALE

KIDS PRAY FOR ZERO WEBSITE



### www.prayforzero.com/kids

## genzero

This is a historic moment in Great Commission history.

GEN Z... ARE YOU READY FOR IT?



GENZERO LAUNCH



www.prayforzero.com/genzero



#### PRAY FOR ZERO AFRICA SUMMIT

NIGERIA 2024

Abuja, Migeria

July 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>
Convening 150 prayer, church, mission, and Bible Translation leaders across Africa to pray, be equipped, informed, refreshed, and catalyzed to continue in the movement of Pray for Zero

Email: info@prayforzero.com for more information.









## A Resource **For Prayer**

- Unceasing Prayer Room
- Schedule a Time to Pray
- Receive Prayer Journal
- Engage Prayer Profiles



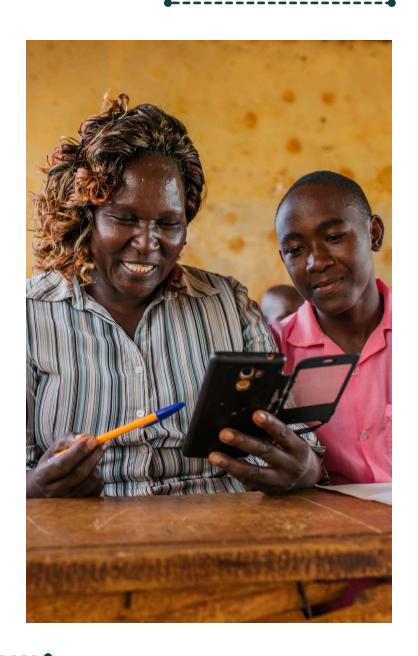
## Strategic Prayer Time





#### Prompt 1

Gather in prayer for the Anglophone East/West Africa region



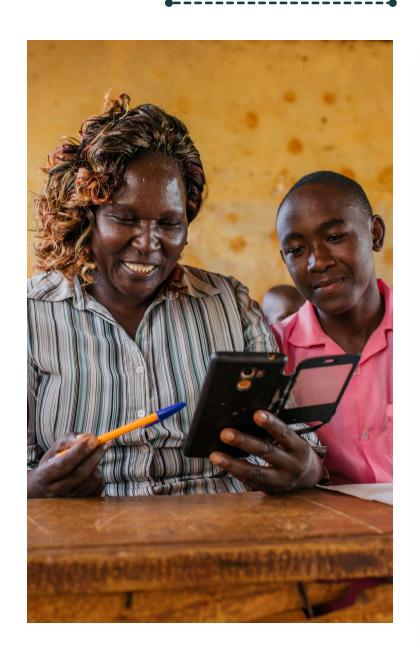
Conversion and lack of resistance of Nigerian translators.

Resources to fund translation. \$30K per year, per project.



#### Prompt 2

Gather in prayer for the Northern Africa, the Sahel Region and the continent.



Spiritual Warfare and attacks against translators.

Integrity of exegetical checking and consultant checking accuracy.

# Aroma Style Prayer

Habakkuk 2:14



### Additional Prayer Points

- Development of locally- led translation teams and partnerships
- Revelation as translators analyze a passage for meaning and then draft it in their language
- Accuracy as the translators and consultants work on the translation project
- God's Word would spread and multiply among the people groups who receive Scripture in their own language



## Seed Company