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What a wonderful privilege to realize the truth in the GARBC catchphrase; *"We can do more together!"*

Though I am now serving as the Administrator for North American and Asian Ministries for Baptist Mid-Missions, I was, until recently, the Rocky Mountain Association of Regular Baptist Churches chairman. The RMARBC is our fellowship of GARBC churches in Colorado.

For several years, our fellowship sought ways beyond retreats to foster a sense of unity and cooperation. In late 2019, a pivotal question was asked; "How can we do more together?" We wondered; How do we get maximum buy-in from pastors and churches? What can we do together of eternal value? The answer to all those questions lay with Bibles International.

BI has a wonderful approach to funding their translation work. Some churches are able and prepared to fully fund a translation project, while other churches are better prepared to step in near the end of the project in order to bring it to a conclusion through purposed, determined giving. Our churches in Colorado, like most churches across our fellowship, meet or fall below the standard designation of an average-sized church. Thankfully, BI encourages a team adoption of a project. In this way, a number of smaller works can help fund or completely undertake the responsibility of funding a translation of God's Word. This is what we did in 2020 in Colorado.

We were able to produce a video for our fellowship describing the work of translation and introducing fellowship churches to the Day people of Chad, Africa. We designated every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday as our planned offering dates for the whole year. And we brought in a BI lead translation consultant to our annual meeting to speak to us about the specific translation need and inform us better about the people, challenges, and details of the translation project.

While we did not fully fund the project, we did help to get the project across the finish line so that approximately one hundred forty thousand native Day speakers will have the whole of God's Word in their hands for the first time ever! I can tell you with confidence that nothing helped to bring our fellowship together like this Team Adopt-a-Language project with Bibles International. I highly commend to you Tim Fink (BI Director), and the Team Adopt-a-Language project as a potential project for your fellowship of churches, because.....*"We can do more together!"*

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