

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Bibles International** is the Bible Society of Baptist Mid-Missions. Our purpose is "to advance Christ's church through reliable Bible translation; supported by literacy, training, and publishing services; in worldwide partnership with individuals, churches, agencies, and institutions of like purpose and faith."

Almost 4,000 language groups still do not possess a reliable translation of the Bible in their heart language. As a former pastor, church-planting missionary, and global instructor of national pastors, my heart goes out to those national pastors who must shepherd their people without a Bible in their mother tongue. Romans 10:17 tells us that faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Our passion is to witness "a reliable Bible translation in every language and a Bible in every hand."

It is moving to hear testimonies of those who are able to read the Bible in their heart language for the first time after years of waiting, praying, and laboring through challenging circumstances. Some have endured political upheavals, financial crisis, religious persecution, military coups, agricultural destructions, floods, and pandemic. Yet quitting has not been an option because the call of the Lord of the Harvest has remained clear. They are resolved to labor faithfully so that their people will possess a Bible, yet they struggle because they lack the financial resources to sustain such a venture.

Under Bibles International's **Adopt-a-Language program**, churches may adopt a particular language project and underwrite all or part of it. In this way, a church has a direct relationship with a particular people group, sometimes throughout the life of the project. In addition, we have the **Team Adopt-a-Language program**. This exciting program allows your church to partner with other churches to adopt one of the BI projects so that you meet the financial needs together. This pursuit strengthens local churches and unifies a fellowship because of this common ministry goal in some part of the world.

Whether your church adopts an entire project itself (**Adopt-a-Language**), or you team up with other likeminded churches to adopt a project (**Team Adopt-a-Language**), you will gain a genuine sense of ownership of the project. Your financial investment and prayer become an unbeatable combination to encourage a people group that continues to wait patiently to have the Scriptures in their heart language. You can view a video about **Adopt-a-Language** using the link on the Adopt-a-Language page. Would you please prayerfully consider how you might partner with us in adopting one of our Bible translation projects? I would be privileged to help your church or fellowship of churches **Adopt-a-Language!** 

For the Millions That Still Wait,

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