

## NEW STATISTICS ON TRANSLATION

Languages on the earth - 7397

Complete Bibles translated - 730

New Testaments (only) translated - 1644

Limited Scriptures (portions or stories) translated - 1254

Languages with no translation published yet - 3769 - **210 million people**

Dear Praying Partners,

May 2023

PRAISE God from whom all blessings flow!

PRAISE God for great health right now. A year ago I was really struggling to keep up with a minimal amount of work. This year I was able to do the work needed without naps or days off!

PRAISE God for enough energy to go to Florida to help my son's family move into their new rental home. Because they had to start teaching immediately upon arrival, there were many unpacked boxes, crates, etc. My granddaughter was without work so she was a big help to me and did all the lifting. We also had some fun cooking sessions.

PRAISE God for being able to help mentor a young man, Ryan Pennington, in how to be a consultant. I would give him verses to check in Tének and then when he was done I would do the same verses. I would make comments on things he may have missed because of inexperience, and things he needed to watch for like using the same Tének word for the same Hebrew word. During workshop we worked on how to gain the translators confidence in you and getting to know them well also. He learned how to talk and when to be quiet and let the translator think! He is one of the answers to your prayers when we asked you about 15 years ago to pray God would bring in new consultants to take our place. Ryan and his lovely family hope to leave for Thailand in the fall so they can work with languages in Asia that still need translations. Pray for them and the need for the rest of their support.

PRAISE God for a fruitful Tének workshop. We were able to finish the book of Genesis and continue on to do 3 chapters of Exodus. We also did some word checking in Genesis. It will be printed as a trail edition so that they can get feedback from the people about the translation. Now Fernando and Christy can finish this task so Genesis will be in good shape.

PRAISE God that I was finally able to connect with Akha in Thailand and have a workshop last night that made it possible for us to finish 1 Samuel in Akha. Another victory for the translation side of His work.

PRAISE God for supporting churches that I know were praying hard for my health and for great things to get done these last two months.

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Checking Translation in Cathy's garage



Hard at work with computers



Enjoying meals provided by supporting churches



Kitchen crew having home school with Matthew



Read and review committee, preparing text for us to check



Tenek with their New Testaments, waiting for the Old Testament