



PRIORITY PROJECTS FUND

SUMMER 2024 UPDATE

With your help, a set of oral Bible stories was completed in Notibu*. Thank you for sharing the gift of God's Word with this restricted community of Asia! (L) The Asari'o Bible translation team participates in a Bible study together. Your support of Priority Projects provided seed funding to this initiative: the team has since grown and is making progress! (R)



STORIES OF IMPACT

A ministry team grows and thrives thanks to your support

Did you know Papua New Guinea is the country with the most Bible translation needs in the world? In recent years, one of the focuses of the Priority Projects Fund has been to invest in strategic Bible translation ventures in this region.

Last update, we shared that your gifts helped launch the Asari'o Bible translation initiative. This seed funding has helped set up the team for success. They are currently advancing language development work, literacy and moving Bible translation forward for an indigenous community in Papua New Guinea. The ripple effects of your gifts are truly felt months later!

This past quarter, we celebrated the growth of the team with new team leader named Roman Saremo. Roman's involvement has had a great impact on the Asari'o translation team. They are rallying behind his leadership. Roman is a spiritual leader and focuses on discipleship as part of the translation work.

The project coordinator shares, *"The translators are accepting this new focus, and we have seen growth in the team members already over the last quarter. We continue to pray for revival among the translation team and the community."*

Please join us in praising God for the ways the Asari'o team is flourishing since its launch. Pray that this work would strengthen the translation team's faith, and have a great spiritual impact on the language group as a whole.

**Pseudonyms used*



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Prepared to print new Bibles.** The publication of the Bible in Eastern Apurímac Quechua, an indigenous language in Peru, is in its final sprint and we want to be ready! In total, the Priority Projects Fund has sponsored 218 printed Bibles, which we hope will be dedicated later this year.
- **Helped a fledgling initiative.** The Eastern Yakon* project was launched last year, with the goal of advancing literacy, language development and Bible translation in three language groups in Southeast Asia. At this stage, the team has had to focus on promoting peace and reconciliation amongst leaders of the three communities, as well as mobilizing Bible translation support in the language groups. They have also been pursuing language survey work in related languages. Your gifts toward priority projects have enabled them to do so.
- **Brought a Bible translation project across the finish line.** Thanks to the Fund, a highly sensitive Bible translation initiative in Asia, Notibu*, was able to create a set of oral Bible stories. This Scripture engagement method was deemed vital for the promotion and acceptance of their newly printed Notibu* Bible. This initiative faced significant red balances as focus shifted toward printing Bibles. Your support helped cover these budget shortfalls, so God's Word could be shared effectively in this community.
- **Supported a conference with the Wycliffe Global Alliance.** Your generosity helped in the planning of the Global People Conversation Project, a gathering for our family of Bible translation organizations. Meetings offer space to discern and strategize about the future of global staffing and resource allocation in the Bible translation movement.



UPCOMING GOALS

- Continue to partner with our field partner SIL to finish developing and begin distributing TREND (The Reporting & Evaluation Network and Dashboard). This dashboard will help Bible translation organizations improve the monitoring and evaluation of their progress. Your gifts have helped create and improve this tool, and will now help complete it before making it available to our partners worldwide!
- Determine new places, initiatives and partnerships that God may be leading Wycliffe Canada to, in the fight to end Bible poverty.
- Enable Bible translation workers to partake in various training opportunities as they become available. A key focus is to help train up more consultants, thus responding to the largest bottleneck in Bible translation.
- Cover donation shortfalls to ensure focus project staff can achieve their goals.



PRAY WITH US

- For the completion of the TREND dashboard and its distribution. The team asks for God's grace and strength as they connect with users globally and set them up for success.
- For wisdom for the Wycliffe Canada Field Partnerships Team as they continue to seek where to pour efforts and resources for Bible translation worldwide.
- For Bible translation projects that are stalled or struggling due to political or economic crises. May God provide opportunities to persevere or resume their work.
- That God's Word would be shared to the ends of the earth, until all have heard.