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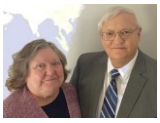

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Dear Friends,

The last couple of months have been a bit of a challenge for Suzanne and me. At the end of March I fractured my right ankle. I'm not sure how I did it, but it is broken in two places. My VA doctor took an x-ray but somehow got the idea that the injury was old. The nurse said, "Come back in six weeks for a blood pressure check." After I communicated with her, I received word that I was being referred to an outside Orthopedist. The injury took place about March 31, and I finally saw the Orthopedist on April 24.

John 4:35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

Look on the Fields. New Bible Translation Statistics are available as of May 2026 from Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Bible Translation Statistics May 2026

Total World Languages	7393
Total Bibles of all Kinds Available	799
Total New Testaments	1832
Total Portions	1514
Languages with No Published Scripture	3248

These language numbers never seem to change a lot. However, there are more projects underway. Most current New Testament translation projects are being taken from the United Bible Societies Greek text, which is different from the King James Version in over 8,000 places. It is an inferior text and produces inferior translations.

Revelation 2:2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience

The Ekegusii Translation Project

This week I had a video conference with the Ekegusii translation team headed by Pastor Charles Okari in Kisii, Kenya. They have lost several translators because they live so far away from one another. Distance, lack of money, and difficulty in communication are hinderances to them. Nevertheless, they have gotten to John 19 in their efforts. They have a severe lack of equipment. They have no computers at all, and only Charles has a smart phone. They need a computer, and if they all had Android phones, they could collaborate at a distance using certain google or I-phone apps. They need about $1000 to supply this lack.

Swahili Translation

Praise God, we have the money to print the Swahili New Testament, and it is in process. A celebration is planned in Nakuru, Kenya on August 23.

Matthew 9:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Please pray with us that God will raise up laborers in Africa. In the words of Steve Zeinner, Director:

"Our team is praying fervently each day that God would raise up a national African family to lead and expand the work of Bible translation across the continent of Africa. This is a demanding task, yet not impossible with God. With nearly 2,300 tribal languages, the need is immense. Just as God has called us into this blessed ministry, we are confident He is able to call others there as well. Please join us in prayer that someone would step forward to this calling."

God bless you all,

Steve and Suzanne Combs