Chaow sat on the bus and flipped the book over and over in his hands. It was such a small book. Yet it represented years of hard work for lots of people.

And now, it was finally ready.

The book was the first translation of the book of Matthew into a language used by a very influential Buddhist people group. And the bus Chaow was on was headed to a monastery to distribute it.

Chaow had been a monk himself once, so he had some idea of how people would react. But this didn’t stop him from walking up the steps of the monastery and sharing the Good News with monks in their own language.

Many of the monks had questions for Chaow, so he left the new translation for them in the monastery. Now, the monks have the opportunity to read about Jesus in their own language.

“I sometimes think of that miracle book sitting there in that monastery like a spiritual time bomb, and wonder what beautiful surgery the Holy Spirit is doing in those hearts,” says one missionary.

THIS MONTH, WE’RE PRAYING FOR TRANSLATION MINISTRIES HAPPENING ALL OVER THE WORLD. KEEP READING TO SEE SPECIFIC WAYS YOU CAN PRAY!

**Sun:** PRAY that translators will understand each language’s complexities so they can translate accurately.

**Mon:** ASK GOD to provide the funding for translation projects.

** Tue:** PRAY that people will wisely use and distribute new translations in their languages.

TURN OVER FOR MORE REQUESTS!
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**Wed:**  *ASK GOD* to lead missionary translators to the right people groups to work with.

**Thu:**  *ASK GOD* to give translators patience and insight when working with difficult texts.

**Fri:**  *PRAY* that translation projects will finish on schedule.

**Sat:**  *PRAY* that translators will have the endurance to finish long projects.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:**

1.  **GLOBAL** | Pray for missionaries as they close out 2019 and begin the new year. Ask God to give them renewed vision for how they can serve Him in 2020. And pray that this new year will see many people come to Christ!

2.  **ASIA** | A translation project is in the works that will bless a quarter billion people and 450 minority groups. Pray that this project receives the steady funding it needs.

**PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:**

1.  **MEXICO** | One TEAM missionary received her permanent resident visa, which means she doesn’t have to apply for visas ever again. Praise God for giving her stability in the midst of all the instability missionary life brings.

2.  **PAPUA** | Missionaries were uncertain whether they would receive important visas needed to stay in the country for another year. Praise the Lord, the visas came through!

*The names of the people you’ve helped may be changed to protect their privacy.*