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**PRAYER FOCUS**

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**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS!**

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It's a Monday night, and 15 Kwong men eagerly fill a small classroom, waiting for the opportunity of a lifetime. Tonight, they're going to study the Bible — in their own language.

The Kwong tribe first received the Gospel in the 1950s, but getting a Kwong Bible translation has taken much longer. Local pastors struggle to teach from Bible translations in other languages they barely understand. And for most Kwong believers, those sermons are the only biblical teaching they get.

But for nearly 30 years, a team of local believers and TEAM missionaries has been painstakingly translating God's word into Kwong.

In 2017, they had enough of it translated to open a Bible school for pastors. Now, they've opened it to laypeople — men and women. And the students are sharing what they've learned!

"We are seeing more fruit from the laymen than from the aspiring professional guys," says TEAM worker Mark Vanderkooi.

The ability to read and share God's word in your own language is a powerful experience. But 1.5 billion people still don't have any Scripture in their native languages. And in some languages, the only Bible translation uses such archaic wording, it's all but useless to the average believer.

**GOD'S WORD IS A VITAL PART OF SPREADING THE GOSPEL, SO LET'S PRAY FOR TRANSLATION MINISTRIES AROUND THE WORLD!**

*Sun:* **PRAY** that God's translated words will pierce hearts and transform lives.

*Mon:* **PRAY** for alert minds and accurate translation choices.

*Tue:* **ASK GOD** to raise up godly, wise intelligent people to serve on translation teams. Finding the right missionaries and locals can be a challenge!

*Wed:* **PRAY** for unity and good communication on translation teams.

**TURN OVER FOR MORE REQUESTS!**



*Thu:* **PRAY** for grace and comprehension as local believers work with translation software created for English-speakers.

*Fri:* **PRAY** for resources and opportunities to distribute new translations.

*Sat:* **PRAISE GOD** for the people who are gaining access to Scripture for the first time!

#### PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. TAIWAN | TEAM** missionary Sarah L. has been talking with two ESL students about Jesus. Recently, she read through the parable of the prodigal son with them and asked what they thought about the father's response. One said the father must be full of love. The other said, "I heard that Jesus told stories to represent other things. What do the father and these sons represent?" This led to an exciting discussion about the Gospel and God's character. Please pray that these students will come to know God for themselves.
- 2. MIDDLE EAST |** A Facebook ministry is running a campaign about the end times. Muslims acknowledge that Jesus is coming again, but they have no assurance of where they will spend eternity. Please ask God to open their eyes and hearts to the Gospel. Pray also for wisdom for this ministry's follow-up team as they respond to hundreds of comments and messages.

#### PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. SOUTH AFRICA | TEAM** missionary Jessica L. recently resumed a young women's Bible study. When she shows up, and there are sometimes just as many children hanging around, waiting for a story, as there are women! This has led to impromptu, mini Bible club meetings, and Jessica hopes it will become a more official group that meets regularly. Praise God for calling these children to Himself!
- 2. MIDDLE EAST |** A refugee and new believer, B, was able to be reunited with his wife after years apart. The TEAM workers who have been discipling B felt convicted to give the couple some old bedroom furniture. When they called to offer the furniture, B was shocked. Just the night before, he had prayed for a new bed, as the free one they'd been sleeping on had a broken frame. The next day, B's wife gave her life to Jesus! She said she has never seen her husband like this — full of joy and love and trusting the Lord for everything.