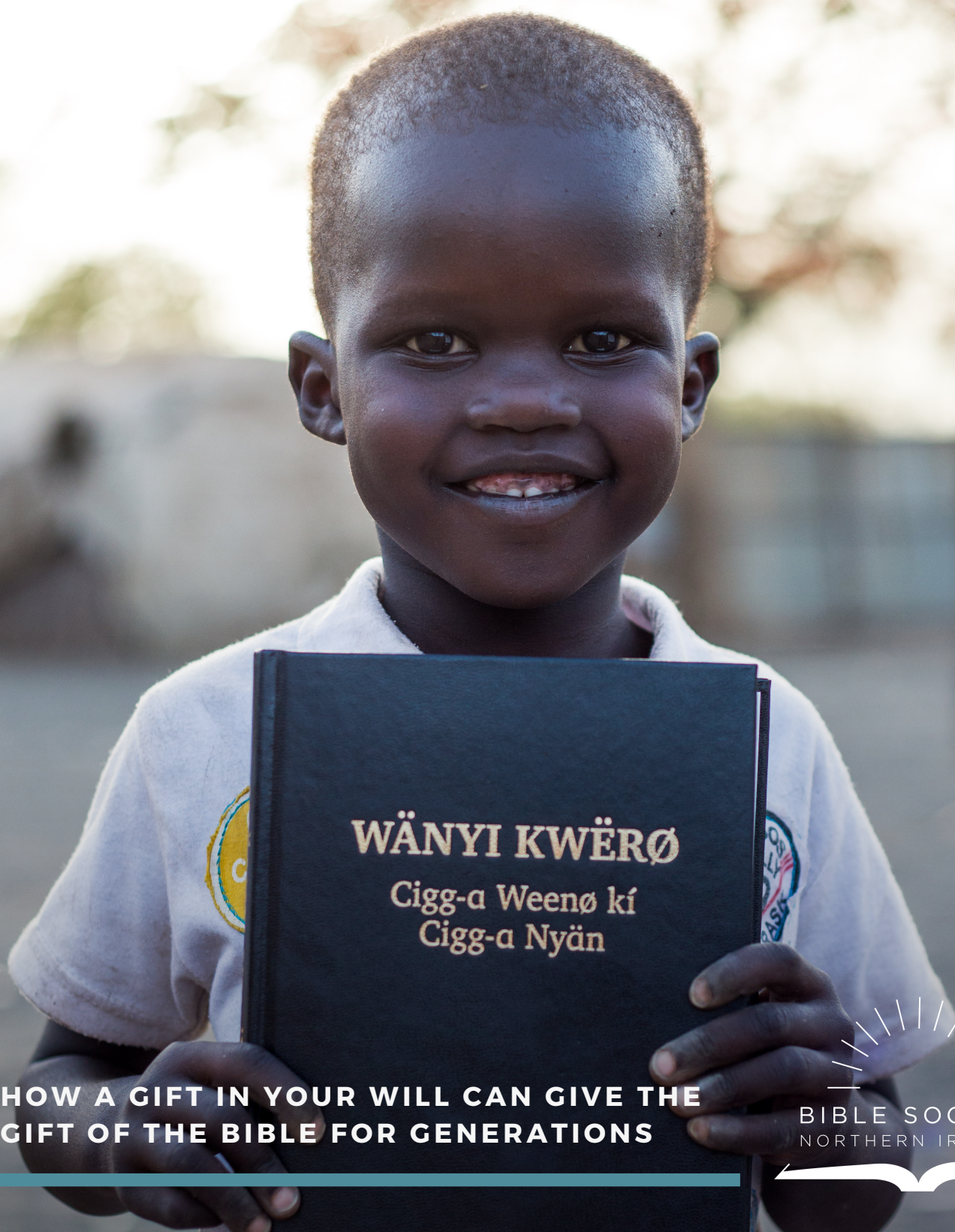


BIBLE SOCIETY NI

# LEAVE A LEGACY



HOW A GIFT IN YOUR WILL CAN GIVE THE  
GIFT OF THE BIBLE FOR GENERATIONS

BIBLE SOCIETY  
NORTHERN IRELAND







Malawi's Elhomwe speakers receive their first New Testament.

## REACHING **EVERYONE** WITH GOD'S WORD

## ABOUT BIBLE SOCIETY NORTHERN IRELAND

Bible Society Northern Ireland hopes to reach everyone with God's Word in a language and format they can access and afford, so that each person might experience God's purpose for their life.

We are one of over 150 Bible Societies worldwide who form part of the United Bible Societies global fellowship. We raise both prayer and financial support for other Bible Societies around the world, supporting Bible Translation, Production, Distribution, Literacy work, Engagement and Advocacy.

We also support Bible projects here in Northern Ireland, helping people engage more with the Bible.

# BIBLE ACCESS AROUND THE WORLD

We are so blessed to have the Bible in our heart language, but for many people around the world they have **little or no Scripture** at all in their mother tongue. They must read the Bible in their second language or rely on someone else translating for them.

Words can have very different meanings in different languages and cultures, so it often takes many years, sometimes generations, before a translation is produced that people can understand. Yet the translation process is the vital first step to giving people access to God's Word.

Bible Society NI is passionate about translating the Bible, so that people can read, study and understand it for themselves. We have been supporting Bible translation projects around the world for many years, through which millions have received the Bible in their own language.

***But there are still millions waiting.***

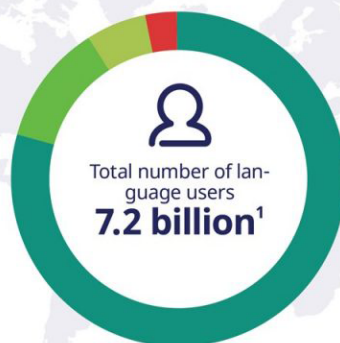
We estimate there to be **860 languages** representing **585 million people** with no Scripture at all. We believe Bible access is one of the most important things we as Christians can support.

## How many languages have Scripture?

## Bible Translation Landscape 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020



## How many people have Scripture in their language?



Source: UBS and Progress.Bible (March 2020)

1. Figures for the number of language users are based on the best available data



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# PROJECTS YOU COULD SUPPORT

We believe that everyone has a right to access the Bible. This is why we support many diverse projects all over the world which allow people to access God's Word for themselves. There are Bible Society projects which reach people in a huge range of different ways through Bible translation, distribution, engagement and holistic outreach.

We are involved with **translation projects**, such as the Tunggian translation in the Philippines, which will give over 50,000 people access to the Bible in their heart language.

In places like Paraguay, Russia and Syria we support **Bible distribution** to people who cannot access Scriptures for themselves.

We support **holistic outreach** like the "Friends for Life" sports centre in Albania or the "Good Samaritan" project, which helps fight against HIV and AIDS in Rwanda. These projects seek to share the Gospel through practical work and outreach.

We support projects that specialise in bringing the Gospel to those with disabilities such as the "Scriptures for those with Visual Impairments" project in Uganda.

We can help you to support a range of projects if you choose to leave a gift to a **specific region of the world** such as Africa or Asia. This way your gift could reach a wide range of Bible projects within a region of the world.





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# THE CHIKUNDA BIBLE TRANSLATION

The Tinggian Bible translation is not unique- there are millions of people still waiting for a copy of the Bible that they can understand.

In Zimbabwe, the Chikunda Bible translation is also underway. For the 500,000 people who speak this language, this will be the first translation of the Bible into Chikunda.

Emmanuel, one of the translators working on the Chikunda Bible, explains why having the Bible in their mother tongue will have an impact for generations and how anxious they are to have the finished Bible:

***"I will be very happy to see the Chikunda Bible being launched. That day I will be very happy – I will jump! The community, too, is expectantly waiting for their own Bible. Whenever we go home to Kanyemba for a break from the work, people come to us and ask, 'When will the Bible be ready? Why have you come home instead of working on the translation?'"***

***"One of the joys I take in this work is that I will be leaving a legacy."***

**"I HAVE A YOUNG GRANDSON AND IT MAKES ME HAPPY TO THINK OF HIM READING THE CHIKUNDA BIBLE AS HE GROWS UP."**

-EMMANUEL, A TRANSLATOR WORKING ON THE CHIKUNDA BIBLE.

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The translators working on the Chikunda translation.

***"After the translation is completed and the Bible is available, my family now and in generations to come will know that I helped to translate it, and that means a great deal to me."***

Emmanuel has a young grandson who he is excited to finish the translation for. It is a reminder of the lasting impact a Bible translation can have.



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# "THIS IS NO ORDINARY BOOK"

YUAN WAITED FOR YEARS BEFORE SHE WAS GIVEN HER OWN BIBLE

Yuan is 65 years old and from Hengshui City, Hebei Province, China. She began attending church and eventually decided to accept Christ as her Saviour, yet she did not have her own Bible. She could not afford to buy one.

In 2018 Hengshui Christian Council received 300 free Bibles from the Bible Society, Yuan was one of those who received a Bible. She will never forget the day she held her own Bible for the first time. She recalled with delight:

***"This is my first Bible. I was a little overwhelmed when I held it in my hands, thinking to myself that this is no ordinary book, it is the Word of God!"***

Yuan can now read and study the Bible every day.



There are people like Yuan all over the world, waiting for the day they can own their own Bible. At Bible Society NI we are passionate about providing the Bible to those who cannot access it for themselves.

## "BREAD OF LIFE"

Some of the projects we support have a more holistic approach, such as the "Bread of Life" breakfast programme in Peru. These projects seek to share the message of the Bible through practical outreach to those who need it most.

The "Bread of Life" programme reaches out to children from poor families in disadvantaged areas and remote mountain villages. There's a Bible lesson, songs and prayer before being given a nutritious breakfast every day. This can sometimes be the only food that these children receive.

This type of project is an amazing, practical way to show the love of Jesus Christ to those at risk in communities around the world.





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# BIBLE ENGAGEMENT AT HOME

## REACHING THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

Along with the projects we support globally, we are also passionate about people engaging with God's Word in Northern Ireland.

We have created several resources to help people in our community to engage with their Bibles. "Where to Look in the Bible" is a free resource which highlights helpful passages where certain emotions are talked about. Our "Daily Bible Reading Guide" helps to walk the reader through the whole Bible in 3 years. For Easter 2020 we released "WOVEN", a free Holy week devotional book tracing Jesus' final steps before reaching the cross. In 2019 we partnered with Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland to help write their Scripture course, helping thousands of girls across Northern Ireland to connect with the Book of Psalms.



These resources are free and available to anyone who needs them, but we can only provide them freely thanks to the generosity of our supporters. In the future we would love to create more free resources and events to help the people of Northern Ireland, no matter their age, gender, or ability, to engage with what God has to say to them through his Word.

## WHAT NOW...?

It is important as Christians that we have a valid and up to date will. God has given us many gifts on this earth, and we have been tasked with stewarding them. If you have been inspired by the projects we support and would like to leave a gift to Bible work, here are the next steps for you to take:

**Contact your solicitor** about writing or adjusting your will to include Bible Society NI in it. This is essential to ensure that your wishes are carried out after you are gone.

**Contact the Bible Society NI office-** if you would like to chat to a member of staff about the work you could impact with a gift in your will, we would love to speak to you. See the back of this pack for our contact details.


### How to leave a gift to Bible Society NI:

**A share of your estate** is a percentage of what remains once all other gifts and expenses have been deducted. You can choose to give any percentage. This is the most flexible type of gift, and it's also popular because it takes care of others first and remains proportional to the value of your estate by keeping pace with inflation.

**A cash gift,** a fixed sum of money.

Remember, most gifts in wills to Bible Society NI are completely **tax-free**, and can even save tax on the rest of your estate. Speak to your solicitor to find out more information on this subject.

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“BUT HOW CAN THEY CALL TO  
HIM FOR HELP IF THEY HAVE NOT  
BELIEVED? AND HOW CAN THEY  
BELIEVE IF THEY HAVE NOT  
HEARD THE MESSAGE? AND HOW  
CAN THEY HEAR IF THE MESSAGE  
IS NOT PROCLAIMED?”

ROMANS 10:14 (GNT)

## CONTACT US

If you have any questions or would like more information on any of our projects we would love to chat to you.

If you would like a member of staff to speak to you personally, please give the office a call and we can arrange a meeting.

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