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Project Fact Sheet 2022

Vietnam: First Bible for an Ethnic Minority

Overview

This project will translate the full first Bible for a minority ethnic group* living in Central Vietnam. Christians among this ethnic group face both poverty and persecution for their faith, and are in need of Scripture in their own language to persevere, grow and share their faith.

The Need

Christians among this minority ethnic group* have struggled to persevere in their faith without Scripture in their own language. The Gospel reached this community in 1957, yet only some small house churches with around 500 believers survived. They face poverty and persecution in their faith, and a closed door for evangelism, because their people think they practice a foreign religion, since the Bible is in a foreign language.

These Christians are desperately in need of a Bible translation in their own language, so their faith can stand firm and grow. Local church leaders, from the Evangelical Church of Vietnam and some house churches, approached Bible Society Vietnam for help to translate the Bible into their language.



Project Goals

This project aims to complete the translation of the First Bible for this ethnic minority* by 2027, publishing it both in print and electronic forms. Additionally, the translated text will be provided to Faith Comes By Hearing with a recommendation to create an audio version of this Bible.

In 2022, work will begin drafting, reviewing and checking the translation of Ruth, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy 1-19.

Impact

This project aims to impact 115,677 people, which is the total population of this ethnic minority living in three provinces of Vietnam. Once the translation is complete, Christians in this ethnic group will be able to read or listen to the Bible and find it easy to understand.

The local churches will grow through Bible study groups. Non-believers will be able to access the Bible in their mother tongue and come to know Jesus.

Prayer Needs

- Please pray for the translation workshops this year, that they bring good results and improve the skills of the translation team.
- Please also pray for God's protection and wisdom upon the Bible Society Vietnam and the translation team during the project.

*The name of this ethnic minority, and the name of their language, is kept private for security reasons