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## Vietnam: Bible Engagement for Ethnic Minorities

#### **Overview**

This project aims to reach out to ethnic minority groups in Vietnam who have a small percentage of believers, by distributing illustrated stories of Jesus, the book of Mark (translated into their heart languages) and Bible study guides for pre-believers and new believers, also in their own languages.

### The Need

Christians from ethnic minorities are often subjected to severe persecution. These marginalised Christians need encouragement, as they face daily challenges imposed by their circumstances. The people speak their indigenous languages but are not familiar with reading the Bible printed in their own language; the education system only teaches Vietnamese, and there are no books in the minority languages. Now that Scripture translation is underway in these ethnic minority languages, there is a great need to meet the peoples' immediate need: to help them engage with God's word in their own language.





#### **Project Goals**

This project aims to give ethnic minorities immediate access to God's word in their own languages. It will do so by developing, printing and distributing books in the languages of five tribes, including Stories of Jesus, the Gospel of Mark, as well as Bible study guides. This will provide opportunities for those who have not heard the Gospel to get to know the stories of Jesus. It will enable both believers and nonbelievers to engage with the Bible by participating in Bible Study groups, following a simple Bible study method. In 2022, the goal is to impact a total of 10,000 people. 1,000 sets of Stories of Jesus, Gospels of Mark and Bible Study guides will be distributed among five ethnic minority tribes.

#### Impact

These resources will impact both long term believers from ethnic minorities whose levels of Bible engagement have been very low, as well as new believers and those who have not yet come to faith. People will be able to read God's word and apply it in their daily lives, which will in turn impact their communities.

### **Prayer Needs**

- Pray that Christians would be empowered as they learn to read God's word.
- Pray that non-believers would come to know the Lord through this program.
- Pray for the distribution of Bible stories and the Gospel of Mark to people from the five different tribes, that they would get to know about Jesus in their own languages, and put their faith in him.

