

# South Pacific: Building Bible Translation Headquarters

## Overview

This project will build new headquarters for Bible Translation work in Vanuatu and relocate the Bible Society South Pacific (BSSP) Translation team there. Capacity Building training for project management will also take place there.

## The Need

The translation of Bibles into 16 major languages within Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, Tonga and Samoa are the major needs that will be met by this project. Currently, there are major project coordination issues and relational strain caused by cost, distance and isolation.

There is a great need for BSSP to restructure, to ensure sustainability, continuity and productivity, especially with its Bible Translation work.



## Project Goals

Vanuatu is a major focus for Bible Society translation work. Having the Bible Translation Department based in Vanuatu will bring about sustainability, regional collaboration and continuity of projects, even in the face of the current COVID pandemic.

The goal of this project is threefold. Firstly, to build a two flat residence and office building that caters for office space and training by December 2023.

Secondly, to train two Project Managers and four Project Coordinators by October 2023, to help organise and manage Bible Translation projects within Vanuatu, Samoa, Tonga and Fiji. Finally, to decentralise BSSP's Translation Department and relocate the two senior staff to Vanuatu by mid 2024.

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## Impact

The total number of people this project will impact is the 2.8 million people living in the South Pacific Islands. This project will give unity to Bible Society translation work in the 16 island nations that BSSP serves.

It will enable teams to work together more efficiently for the future and benefit of Bible Translation in the Pacific, reaching millions with new and revised Bible translations.

## Prayer Needs

- Pray that BSSP Leadership and staff – and all the regional staff and volunteers – will embrace this new regional mission mindset and heart.
- Pray that the 16 island countries of the South Pacific would be the heart of BSSP mission with collaboration, sustainability, accessibility and continuity.