



## God's Transforming Word

*"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen."*  
*Romans 11:32*

In Botswana, where the San Cluster project is in its second phase, the Gobabis !Kung team writes, "We're growing spiritually. But the devil is also busy. We need lots of prayer. One translator's husband doesn't want her involved, but she feels she must follow God." A Tsumkwe !Kung team member said: "My life has changed. I want more people to turn to God. He's our ever-loving Father. I desire Scriptures that people will easily understand."

"Before, I lived as if I had little light," writes translator Julián of Paraguayan project Toba-3. "For seven years now, I've been learning by enlarging my knowledge and my thoughts. I look around in my community — I see marriages, young people, children who need the light of Jesus. I want the church to be better able to teach the Word of God to a new generation."

"I had problems in my marriage, and God taught me to forgive. Now we get along better. When I thought about quitting my job as a Bible translator because there was a lot of criticism, I learned that the Apostle Paul suffered while bringing the Word of God to others, and now I remain content. The Word of God is very important for my life; it brings me much blessing. I want to teach all the community when the entire New Testament is finished. I look forward to that day, when we have the Bible in our language, with great joy."

### *The Armor of God. Ephesians 6:10-12 (NASB)*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

I continue to work on the Cord Field software project. Our goal is to have an MVP (minimal viable product) ready early in the new year. Cord Field is being designed to facilitate the

management of all the translation projects. Please pray for us that God would enable us to get this to those who need it soon.

Here's the latest stats:

- In 2018 translation work started in 125 new languages.
- Now there are more than 860 projects in progress!
- Since 1993, Bible translation has been done in 1590 languages.

Thank you for making this possible! Your prayers and giving fuel our efforts. We are so grateful for your partnership in the work God has given us.

Please pray that the Lord would be glorified in us in producing his will and work in our lives for His good pleasure. All glory and worship and praise be given to Him.

*Richard*

*Merry Christmas & A Blessed 2019*



## Asia Painting Collection

As resident artist for Wycliffe USA I spent the first half of 2018 creating a collection of paintings depicting Asian culture. The set contains four connected yet independent compositions. Connecting the compositions, a solitary woman raises a Bible in prayer expressing our theme; may all believers know God's love in their heart language. The set is installed in the Wycliffe USA Tobi Auditorium in Orlando Florida. (Photo 1)

The painting symbolizes God's attributes. India's Taj Mahal, man's greatest architectural depiction of love. Man's god-given abilities transformed the Philippine mountains into rice fields and Vietnamese waterways into water lily farms. God's stirs hearts to seek Him yet they attempt to overcome fear with lanterns of light. A crowded Indonesian train moves the masses while in Japan one man pulls a solitary rickshaw.

## OM Netherlands



Between August 20 thru 25, over 950 attended our art outreach in the Netherlands. What a blessing—to use art, to partner with you and the church in Leiden to reach their community with the gospel. Our team of artists were sent from around the world; Hong Kong, South Africa, Australia, and the USA. A scripture based art exhibit and workshops drew people into the sanctuary of this vibrant 17th century church. Artist led workshops engaged visitors in aboriginal art forms, Chinese ink techniques and graffiti art forms. One day was dedicated to reaching the isolated Muslim immigrants living in The Hague. (Photos 1-2)

## Congratulations



Much Bible translation work was accomplished in 2018. Take a moment to meditate on what God has accomplished through you and your dedication to Bible translation. His Word IS reaching the ends of the earth!

Though most of our communications with you, our faithful ministry partners, are digital, I was able to make a trip to be with our church in British Columbia as they focused a weekend on the work they are involved in around the world. (Photo 3) Do you have mission focused activities planned for 2019? Let us know. We would love to participate and encourage others to be engaged in missions.

Click or paste this link into your browser bar and view my latest video update: <https://youtu.be/s-Nt2PEpdU0>

## Looking ahead to 2019

Currently I am working on several paintings. This painting Ode to the Patrons should be finished by the time you receive this letter. To watch my paintings progress in 2019 follow me on Facebook at Lori Maclean Painting

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