



### The Beli people, Sudan, traditional religion, 6,000

The Beli suffered a lot in the civil war in southern Sudan. Many came to know the Lord in refugee camps in Ethiopia. Now there is a vigorous Beli church, eager to have their own Bible. They need to find

- adequate funding
- capable people to be trained as translators
- suitable work premises so that they can work alongside two other translation teams from
- related language groups.



### The Mishmi people, India, Buddhism, 16,000

The 16,000 Mishmi people live in NE India, near the China border. This conservative state was the first in India to forbid anyone to change their religion. However, in recent years hundreds of people have believed. The growing church needs the Mishmi Scriptures to establish strong, witnessing congregations. Pray that following a training course for five related language teams in July, they will work well together and produce high quality translations.



### The Idaasha people, Benin, traditional religion and Islam, 101,000

The Idaasha people have been asking for help to translate the Scriptures for 10 years. Some Idaashas have taken the initiative to translate part of Luke's Gospel. This portion was published last August. One of the translators, Prosper Nongnide of Wycliffe Benin, started an MA in Bible translation in Nairobi last September. Pray that he will gain the skills to set up and lead a translation and literacy project. Pray that the believers' enthusiasm for the Scriptures will not wane.



### The Luseri people, Asia, Islam, 1 million

Only 100 – 200 Luseri people are Christians. A third of the New Testament and Genesis, Ruth and Jonah have been published. Pray that:

- Genesis will be widely read and help people to understand our sinfulness and our need for a remedy.
- the reading and recording of the Genesis video script will be well done and completed in September.
- the four translators will make good progress on 1 & 2 Timothy, Mark, and John.



### The Northern Thai people, Buddhism, over 6 million in Thailand, 9,000 in Laos

Less than 1% of the Northern Thai people are Christian. Bible translation has been going on for over a decade and the New Testament is nearly finished. Pray that the small Northern Thai Church will use the N Thai Scriptures to reach the whole community, and that this translation will be used as a resource for translations into several related languages.



### The Bimin people, Papua New Guinea, traditional religion, 2,250

Pastor Bulus (see photo), one of the most gifted translators, died suddenly in 2006. Pray for strong and faithful leaders like him. In July, a consultant will check the Bimin translation of Revelation for accuracy and comprehension. Then the New Testament with Old Testament portions will be finished! The translators must check the whole translation and make any final changes before the typesetting in October. The launch is planned for 1 Nov 2008—no time for delays with the printing!



### The Yawak people, Southeast Asia, Buddhism, 200,000

The translators have finished the New Testament! Now they are checking that the translation expresses the original meaning clearly and naturally. They have learned a lot since starting work ten years ago, so they must revise the first books they translated. Some Yawak people use the roman script (ABC) and others a non-roman script (ႤႬ), so the NT will be printed in both. Pray that it will be ready for printing in the different scripts in 18 months, and that it will strengthen and encourage the growing church.



### Three language groups in Togo, Senegal and Mali, 600,000

Hallelujah! The New Testament is being typeset by Steve Pillinger at the Wycliffe Centre in three languages this year: the Moba (Togo, Sylvia Foulds), the Jola Kasa NT (Senegal, Bernard Diatta) and the Supyire (Mali, Michael and Miranda Jemphrey). Please pray for good teamwork, health, concentration and accuracy; that the printing and shipping will go without any hitches or glitches; and that these Scriptures will be used effectively, and change lives.



### The Cacua people, Colombia, traditional religion, 500

The Cacuas are nomadic hunter-gatherers and used to be despised and treated as slaves. They received the New Testament in 2005 and are now renowned Bible teachers, even among other language groups and in neighbouring Brazil. All-night fun times have replaced the all-night drinking parties. People learn how to enjoy themselves without getting drunk, and hear the gospel too. Pray for the continued impact of the NT. The translators working on the OT need inspiration, and protection from sickness and from guerrillas.



### The Ifugao people, Philippines, traditional religion, 27,000

The number of churches has grown from 4 to 200+ since the New Testament was printed in 1982! This is quite amazing, even in this country, where churches are growing fast, especially among people who used to follow traditional religion. There is a great need to disciple believers, hence the push to complete the Old Testament by 2010. Pray that the translators will stay on schedule, and that God will refresh them spiritually, mentally and physically, and protect their computers, their invaluable data and their families.



### The Sereer-Sine people, Senegal, traditional religion and Islam, 1.2 million

Praise God for the growth in the number of Sereer believers and churches. This seems to be the most receptive community in Senegal, and they will be the first to have the whole Bible. However, the printing of the Old Testament has been delayed since 2002 and the New Testament has sold out. Pray that hindrances to God's word will be removed, and that church leaders and literacy workers will be trained and eager to promote the use of the Scriptures.



### The Konkomba people, Ghana, traditional religion, over 1 million

The response to the Konkomba Bible, the audio New Testament and the Jesus Film is overwhelming. In four years, 400 churches were started! More churches have been started since, and there would be still more if only there were enough leaders. The harvest is plentiful, but the leaders are few. Funds are needed to train and support leaders. Pastor Winston Binabiba, the supervisor, is praying for at least one trained leader for ten churches.

