

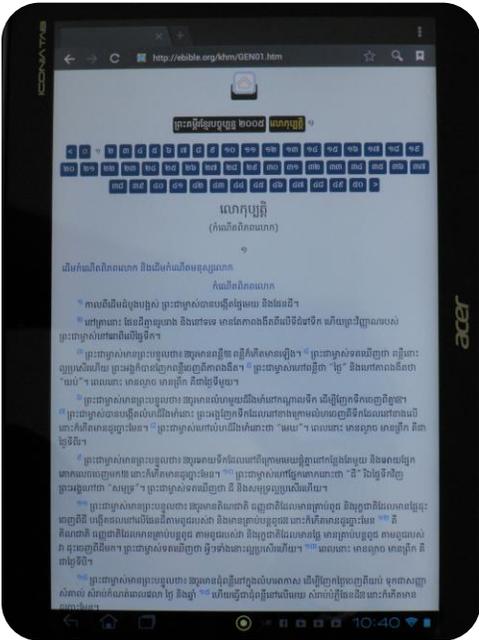


Michael and Lori Johnson — bringing the Word of God to people in their own heart languages and teaching missionaries
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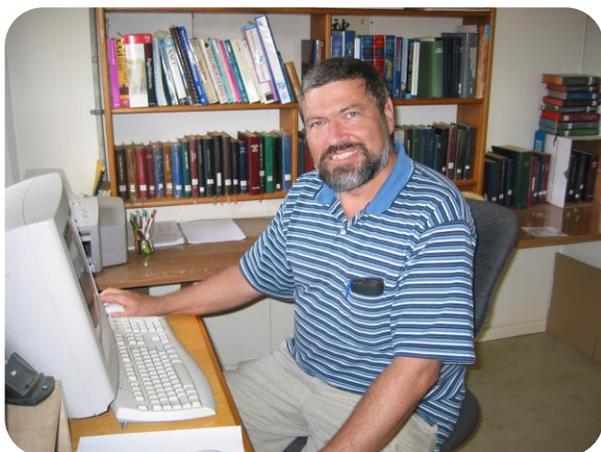


Seeing the Bible in Cambodian Khmer properly rendered on an Android device makes me happy. It seems that the number of ways to write and read is almost as huge as the number of languages in this world. Getting them properly represented on different kinds of electronic devices makes an interesting puzzle to solve.

Not everyone can read and write, so we also publish Scriptures in audio and video formats. Here is a picture part of the creation story (Adam about to wake up for the first time) from a Genesis portions and Luke video in the Baruya language of Papua New Guinea playing on an Android mobile device. Few people in Papua New Guinea have the Internet bandwidth to play this movie, yet, but it can also be passed around on flash memory cards, USB memory sticks, and other ways.



Lori posing with a few of her awesome missionary students, ready to make disciples of Jesus Christ all over the world. They appreciated the practical ways she taught primary health care skills to take to the nations.



Nine years ago, my computer and my hair color looked different. So did my minority-language Bible library. Instead of bound paper books on my shelf, I now have 247 Bible translations (including portions) in 243 dialects of 218 distinct languages posted on at least 5 web sites. 245 of those translations are freely downloadable and redistributable. They are free to download, free to share, free to copy, and point to God's awesome gift of free forgiveness and eternal life. More are on the way as translators keep working and we work to make more of the translations that have already been done available in new formats.

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Rachel's Column

I turned 8
this month!
We had a fun
birthday
party!



I like to ride my boogie board. Next I'm
going to try a real surf board!



Children. God
loves them, no
matter what
languages their
parents speak. I
want them all to
grow up hearing
God's Word. (And
yes, these guys
have the New
Testament,
Psalms, and
Genesis in their
language.)

Is the task of Bible translation done, yet?

by Michael

There are now only about **1,967** Bible-less languages with no Bible translation work started. That is really **good news**, since that is the first time that number has been below 2,000 since people started keeping track. Of course, those 1,967 languages represent about 209 million people whom God loves, so more work needs to be done. (Detailed Scripture access statistics are at Wycliffe.net.) Please pray that the Lord of the Harvest would send out more laborers into the harvest. (See Matthew 9:36-38.)

Please pray for us for:

- Sensitivity to God in future plans
- Provision (we are at 79% of what it takes to keep us in full-time ministry)
- Smooth transitions, especially for Rachel
- Effective ministry
- Protection from spiritual and physical dangers
- Wisdom and understanding in all things
- Staying healthy
- Favor with Bible copyright owners

Jesus Christ is Lord!

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