

The Johnson family in 2012

## **About the Johnsons**

Michael and Lori Johnson served as Bible translation support missionaries in Papua New Guinea for about 8½ years. Michael used his computer skills there, and Lori taught at Ukarumpa International School. Michael is still using his computer skills to write software, create and maintain web sites, and convert Bible translations into many digital formats. Michael is also the senior editor of the World English Bible. Currently, Lori is teaching in a public school.

Before becoming a full-time missionary, Michael served as an officer on a nuclear-powered submarine, worked as an engineer for a defense contractor, and worked as a senior software engineer in the data storage industry. Michael has a master's degree in electrical engineering. He also holds a certificate in Bible translation from the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics.

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Michael Johnson provides free access to the Holy Bible in people's own languages, in the most useful electronic formats.

He does this in partnership with people who support this ministry with prayer and finances, as well as with Bible translators and Bible translation agencies who supply the Bible translations.

For as the rain comes down and the snow from the sky, and doesn't return there, but waters the earth, and makes it grow and bud, and gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so is my word that goes out of my mouth: it will not return to me void, but it will accomplish that which I please, and it will prosper in the thing I sent it to do.

—Isaiah 55:10-11





## **Congratulations!**

You can read and understand English! That means that you have access to a rich set of Bible translations in a language you understand. You can buy Bibles in all sorts of print editions and digital formats. You can also read them online, in apps, and on various book reading devices, often for free. This is awesome, because God's Word is so valuable!

But what if you were born in a remote tribal area and spoke a minority language? Or what if you lived in a country where Christians are persecuted and Bibles banned? What if you had no way to buy a Bible? How would you get a Bible to read or listen to?

The explosion in the use of "smart" mobile phones and other electronic devices capable of displaying Bible text and playing Bible audio recordings have changed the world. These are even found in remote areas of Papua New Guinea. Not everyone has them yet, but the numbers are increasing daily. This is a great opportunity to get the Holy Bible to them!

## **Challenge: INCREASE!**

It has been over 16 years since we answered God's call to full-time missionary work. The Lord has been very gracious to us and allowed us to publish hundreds of Bible translations digitally. We support about a million Scripture views or downloads per month. But now there is a burning desire in my soul to do **MORE!** Please stand with us in prayer agreeing that together, we will:

- Make **MORE** Bible translations available
- Support **MORE** Bible study apps
- Create and maintain MORE Bible sites for specific audiences
- **IMPROVE** existing Bible web sites
- **IMPROVE** Bible format conversion software
- **IMPROVE** accessibility to Bibles for the most challenging groups
- **IMPROVE** the quality of distributions on media such as microSD cards
- **INCREASE** Bible site uptime and reliability
- Reach **MORE** people with God's precious Word

Our vision is huge, even though most of the language groups we serve are small. This **INCREASE** takes resources far beyond what Lori and I can do on our own. There is a lot of work yet to be done. We believe that God will provide whatever it takes. We invite you to partner with us. **Will you help make this a reality?** 

*The Good News must first be preached to all the nations.* —Jesus Christ, in Mark 13:9

## We will spread God's Word! You can help us!