

# Bible Translation Focus



## The priority of Bible translation



“The Bible is indispensable... Thus we must proclaim and disseminate the Holy Scriptures in the heart language of all those whom we are called to evangelize and disciple...”

*--The Amsterdam Declaration, Aug. 2000*

## Is Bible translation important?

Professor Kwame Bediako, Ghana

- 'African Christianity is inconceivable apart from the existence of the Bible in the mother tongue.'
- 'A people group should be considered unreached until it has Scriptures available in the mother tongue.'

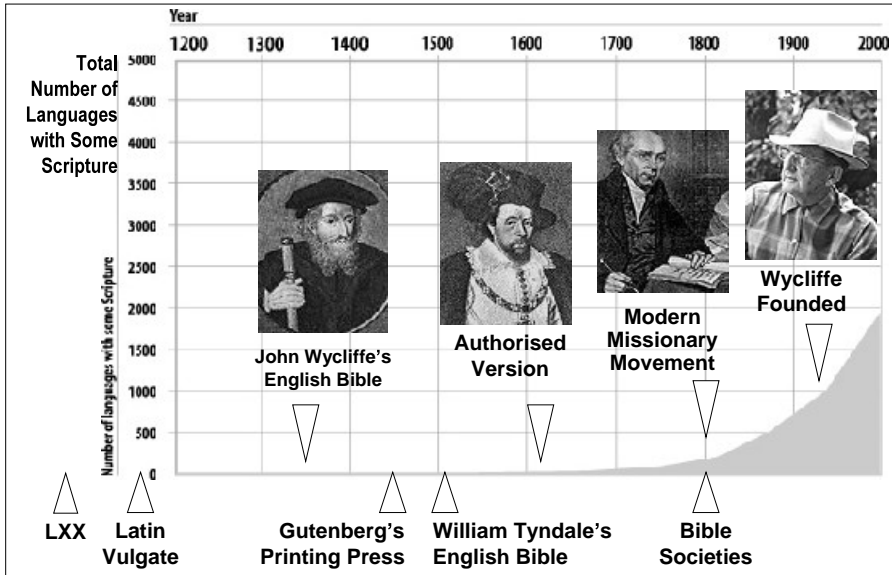
## Wycliffe Australia: our vision



To see Australian Christians helping indigenous peoples of the world become true disciples of Jesus Christ through the power of his Word in their heart language



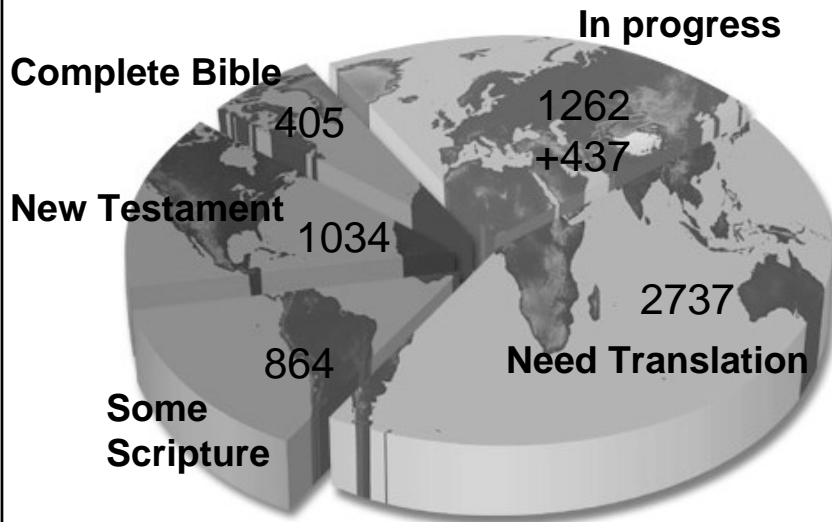
## Progress of Bible translation



## The world's languages

	Total Living Languages	%
The Americas	1,013	15%
Africa	2,058	30%
Europe	230	3%
Asia	2,197	32%
The Pacific	1,311	19%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,809</b>	

## The status of Bible translation



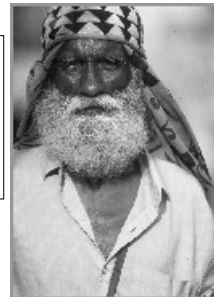
## The remaining task

A conservative estimate: 147,000,000 people speaking



**2737**

languages in  
**702**  
clusters



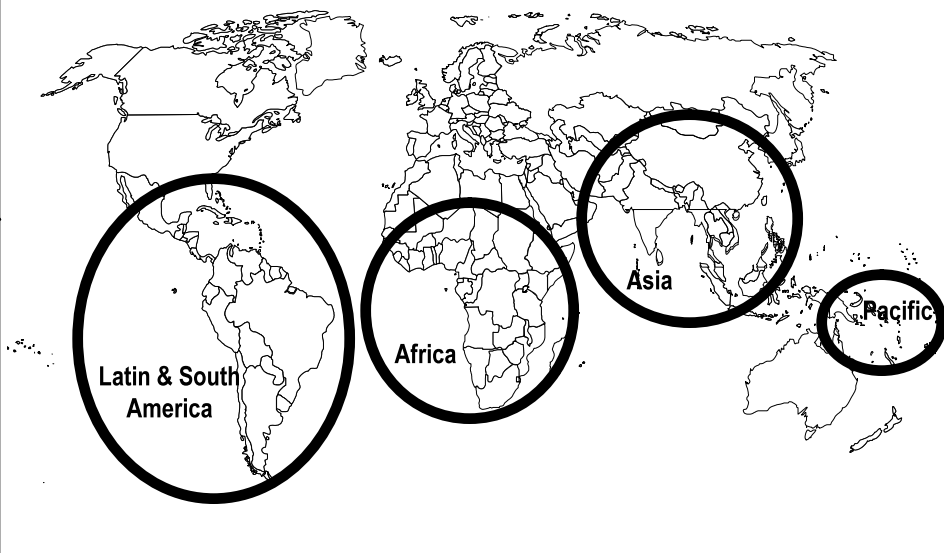
## Vision 2025



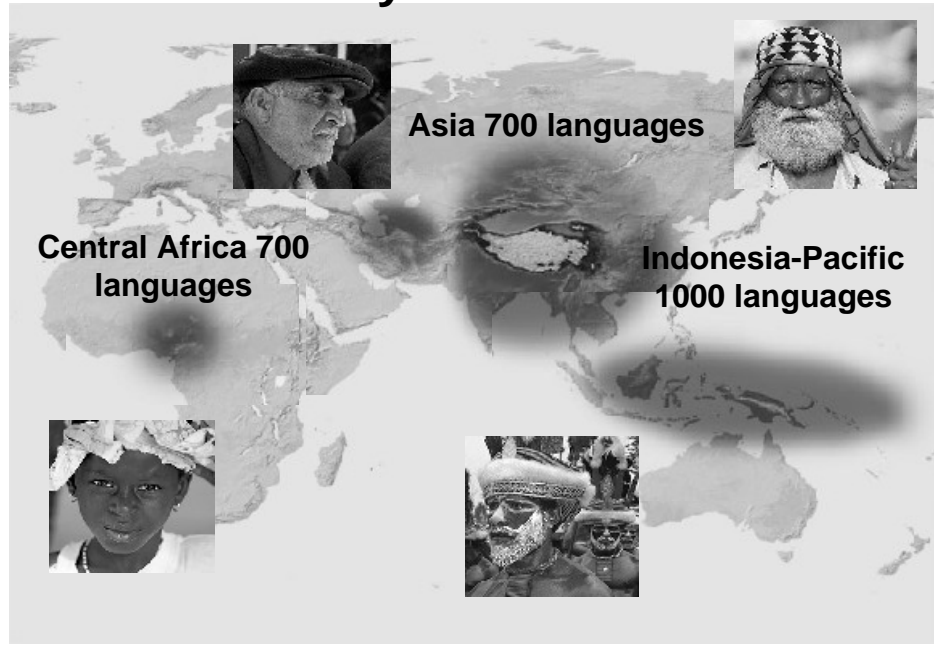
Recognising the urgency of our task, we will cooperate with partners worldwide to see Bible translation in progress by 2025 in every language that needs it.



## The Church of the South and East



## Three Key Areas of Need



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