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## Bible Society NI

### Who We Are

Bible Society NI is one of over 150 national Bible Societies working in over 200 countries to make the Bible available and known to all people.

We work in our own national setting but as part of a worldwide fellowship known as the United Bible Societies. Together we are partnering on thousands of Bible-based projects at any given time. These include translation, publication, distribution and online resources. There are also many Bible engagement programmes such as literacy work, Trauma Healing and HIV/AIDS ministries. There are Bible listening groups, radio and TV broadcasting, feeding programmes for children, medical ministries, relief work, hospital ministries and much, much more.

God is working in so many ways through Bible Societies to make His Word known and spread His life-giving message.

### How We Work

**We are an organisation that works with others.** Here at Bible Society NI, we collaborate with other Bible Societies, who in turn (like us) work with denominations, local churches, other Christian organisations, local businesses, NGOs and others.

In 2018 we are helping fund Bible Society projects in the following places:

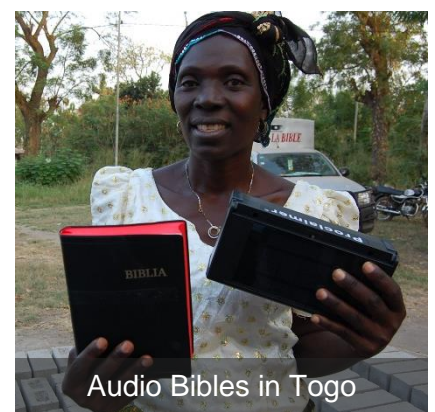
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Literacy class - Cambodia



Bibles for China



Audio Bibles in Togo

# Bible Access Around the World

## To the Ends of the Earth

In 2017, Bible Societies assisted in the completion of Scripture translations in 49 languages spoken by more than 580 million people.

7 communities received their first full Bible and 4 their first ever New Testament.

There were 26 languages given fresh translations and revisions.

9 study editions were published.

This is great progress, but there are still so many languages without any Bible translation. Over half of the languages spoken today do not have a single verse of the Bible translated. Only 674 out of 7,097 languages have a complete Bible translation.

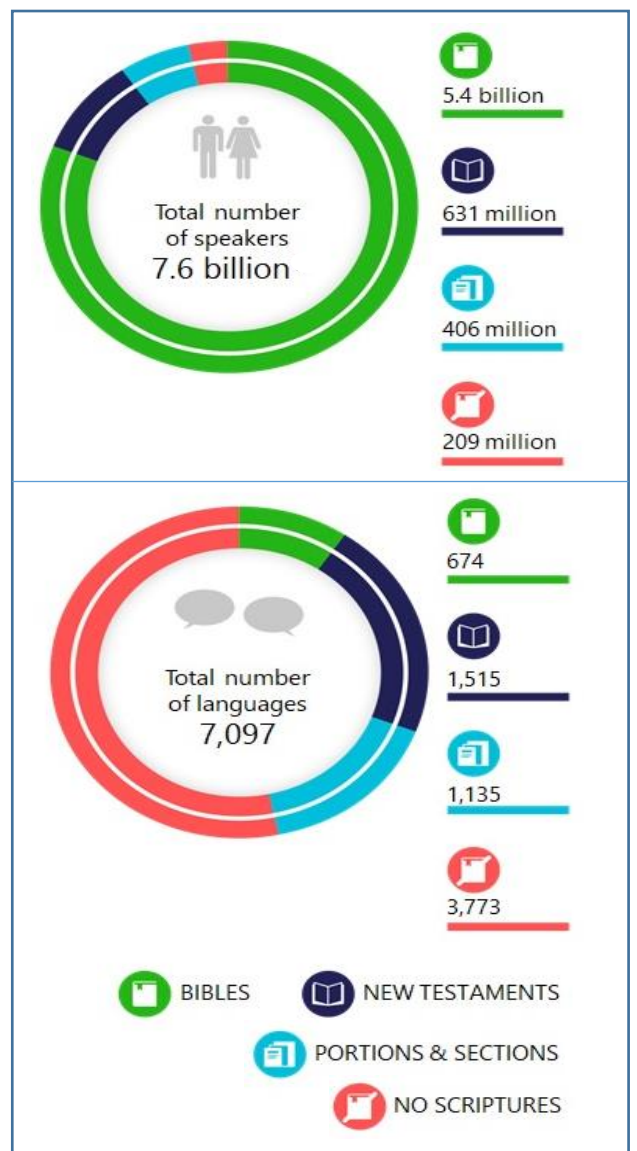
Many of the language groups with no translation are relatively small. This means that although so few of the world's languages have a full Bible, 71% of us can read it in our own language.

## Bible Distribution continues

Praise God for the amazing openings to distribute huge numbers of Scriptures all over the world once again in 2017.

As well as full Bibles and Testaments, Bible Societies distribute Gospels, portions, special editions for outreach, tracts, calendars and much more.

Praise God that so many doors remain open and pray that nothing will stop God's Word from reaching the waiting.



## Scripture Distribution in 2017

**All Scripture: 354,948,660**

**Full Bibles: 38,609,344** (Including 7.9m downloads)

**Testaments: 11,595,614**

