

Bible Translation Status

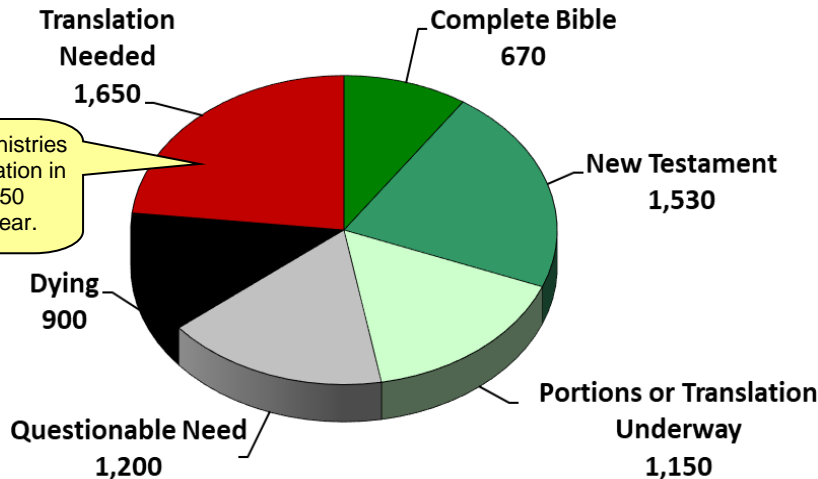
1. Overall Task

Estimated total living languages in the world	7,100
Questionable translation need or dying languages	-2,100
Estimated total languages needing translation	5,000
Translation complete or underway	3,350
Translation needed to start	1,650

2. Current Status

About 670 languages have a complete Bible. Another 1,530 languages have a New Testament and about 1,150 additional languages have some Scripture portions or translation has recently started.

There is known active translation and / or linguistic development happening in nearly 2,600 languages across more than 170 countries involving more than 100 translation organizations.



Bible translation ministries hope to start translation in possibly over 150 languages this year.

3. The Need

Over 110 million people, speaking about 1,650 languages still need Bible translation to begin in their language. These individuals have no access to the Word of God in their primary language.

At least 1.5 billion people do not have the full Bible available in their first language.

4. Availability

Never before has the Bible been more available to more people.

Faith Comes By Hearing (www.bible.is) now has the New Testament available in audio format in over 1,260 languages online and totally free.

YouVersion (www.youversion.com) has more than 1,580 Bible versions in 1,134 languages available by computer, phone, or tablet. The YouVersion Bible App has been installed on more than 296 million mobile devices.

5. Acceleration

Vision 2025 is a goal set by translation ministries to start Bible translation in all needed languages by the year 2025. Better technology, improved use and training of national translators, and crowd-sourcing have brought the timeframe down to about 2032. Bible translators are still hoping to reach the 2025 goal.

6. In This Generation?

A full Bible translation takes anywhere from 10 to 20 years or more. If Vision 2025 succeeds in starting translation in all languages by 2025, then possibly the task of Bible translation could be completed by around 2035-2045. Of course, there will always be need for ongoing revisions.

