



The year 2019 at a Glance

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RUN FOR THE BIBLELESS

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On 2nd March 2019, BTL held the 12th edition of Run for the Bibleless, at Uhuru Gardens, Nairobi with over 10,000 people in attendance!



"I am always touched by your love and commitment to this course. I could not help but notice some very special people who braved the morning to be with us; some on wheelchairs, some pushing little ones on trolleys. You are such a blessing. Because of you, the Giriyama and Tharaka people groups are going to receive their complete Bibles in April and June respectively!"



BTL's National Director, Rev. Peter Munguti.

Dedication of the Giriyama Complete Bible



Foundational work in the Giriyama language began in the year 1989. In 2004, the Giriyama New Testament was launched and dedicated. 15 years later, on 6th April 2019, in a colorful celebration, the Giriyama Complete Bible was launched and dedicated.

"God has been faithful to the Giriyama nation. The project took many difficult years but God has empowered the community to write their history and have His Word in the Giriyama language during this and not any other generation. Glory and honor be to Him forever and ever. Amen."



By: Patrick Charo - Former BTL Giriyama Literacy Officer.

Dedication of the Tharaka Complete Bible



Foundational work in the Tharaka language began in the year 1988. In 2001, the Tharaka New Testament was launched and dedicated. Earlier this year on June 13th, the Tharaka Complete Bible was launched and dedicated.



Praise God for the reception of the Tharaka Complete Bible amongst the Tharaka people. The 3,000 Bibles that had been printed are in the hands of the community. Pray for God's transforming power for the Tharaka people as they interact with God's Word in their heart language



Celebrations!

International Literacy Day Celebrations

In recognition of the efforts of Hon. Prof. John Lonyang'apuo the Governor of West Pokot, in promoting literacy in his county, BTL donated 30 blackboards during the International Literacy Day celebrations held on 9th September at Makutano Stadium, West Pokot. These boards will be used in the different Adult Literacy Centers in the County.



Thank-you luncheon for Teachers



In September, BTL hosted a luncheon to appreciate teachers from Run for the Bibleless Supporting Schools. These are

important stakeholders in raising funds for Bible translation work in Kenya and beyond.

Pastors Thank you breakfast.



Kenya Bible Translation Trust (KBTT), on 1st November, hosted a church leaders forum at ACK All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi. The meeting was organised to share an update on the progress of Bible translation work in the country following the collections of the National Fundraiser held on 6th December 2018.



KBTT thanked the church leaders for their continued support and asked them not to tire from supporting the fund until the vision 2032 achievement of Bible translation for all languages in Kenya was realised. In line with this, KBTT requested the Church leaders to make 8th

December 2019 a Bible Translation giving Sunday in order to continue supporting this transforming work.

Implementation of the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC)

BTL provided technical support to the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) during the development of Grade 4 literacy activity materials in various indigenous languages.

University and Colleges Christian Union leader's luncheon



On Saturday 16th October, we hosted the University and College Christian Union chairpersons. This team in conjunction with members of their Christian unions continue to support BTL in a big way, through the Run For the Bibleless event. BTL has benefitted from these partnerships over the years and this was an important day to appreciate their efforts and deliberate on more avenues of partnership.

The Journey Continues...



Final Checks for the Duruma Complete Bible and Ilchamus New Testament



The Duruma Complete Bible and Ilchamus New Testament Bible underwent the Final Checking stages. In January 2020 they will be forwarded for typesetting before proceeding for printing. Praise God that these two language groups will soon have the Scriptures in the language they understand best; their mother tongue.

Daasanach Old Testament translation begins

In november the Daasanach Old Testament translation began. The team will be working from Maralal. The Daasanach community received their New Testament in 2014

Samburu New Testament Dedication

On Dec 14th, the Samburu community received their New Testament in a colorful dedication and launch ceremony in Maralal town. 5000 copies were sold on the day at a subsidized fee of Kshs 10. This was after the Guest of Honor, Deputy President H. E. Dr. William Ruto paid the Kshs 140 for each of the printed copy. On the same day

the Samburu received the Dictionary in their mother tongue and an audio version of their New Testament Bible. Rt. Rev. Vigilio Pante who presided over the dedication urged the community not to be mere listeners of the Word but also doers.



Early in the year, the Samburu Old Testament translation was launched and drafting of Scriptures is on going.



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