

## 2010 Scripture Access Statistics

Scripture exists in over **2500** of the **6860** languages used on Earth.

About **4.7 billion** people have a Bible available in their first language, a further **542 million** people have at least the New Testament (but not all of the Old Testament).

Work has begun for many of the people groups who still do not have God's Word in their language and further work is still needed in many of the languages that already have some Scripture. Of the remaining languages with no known Scripture or a translation program in progress, current estimates suggest around **340 million people** speaking **2078 languages** may have a need for Bible translation to begin.

Wycliffe, a global alliance of organizations with staff from more than **50** nations, is one of the key international organizations involved with Scripture translation into languages where it has not previously been available. Since Wycliffe's beginnings in 1942, Wycliffe personnel have been involved in the translation of **745** complete New Testaments and **27** complete Bibles, potentially impacting around **114** million people speaking **704** languages.

Since Wycliffe began, Wycliffe personnel have also worked with others in the production of [Faith Comes By Hearing](#) audio Scriptures in **211** languages, [The JESUS Film](#) in **225** languages, some or all of the [Luke](#) video in **237** languages and some or all of the [Genesis](#) video in **86** languages. Wycliffe personnel have also helped produce thousands of resources for literacy, education, health and other development-related goals.

The **45** Wycliffe organizations are responsible for approximately **6500** affiliated staff working alongside many partner organizations, individuals from local communities and national organizations working in languages from **98** countries.

**All information taken from Wycliffe International data systems Sept 2010**

Further details about these statistics are available in an [FAQ sheet](#) downloadable at [www.wycliffe.net/statistics](http://www.wycliffe.net/statistics)

Further stories about people and projects available at [www.thewordislife.net](http://www.thewordislife.net) and your nearest [Wycliffe organization](#).



Complete Bible : 457

+ New Testament: 1211  
(and some portions)

+ Just portions : 897  
(one or more books)

= 2565

Languages with  
some scripture

In 1999, when Wycliffe and partners adopted **Vision 2025**, we reported our involvement in almost **1100** of the **1500** translation programs known to be in progress. Between 1999 and 2010 Wycliffe personnel have helped in the translation of more than **200** New Testaments and begun new work in more than **670** languages.

Wycliffe staff are currently involved in **1525** active language programs representing **2.6 billion** people. Additional work is being undertaken by other organizations in a further **500** languages.

There are many other numbers we could report on and many we don't know. We do not have a count of how many lives have been touched and transformed as a result of Bible translation and all the other work that is done. We do not have a figure for the number of people who have prayed or given financially so that others might give their time and sometimes their lives.

We speak on behalf of millions of lives that only God can count when we say, "**Thank you!**"