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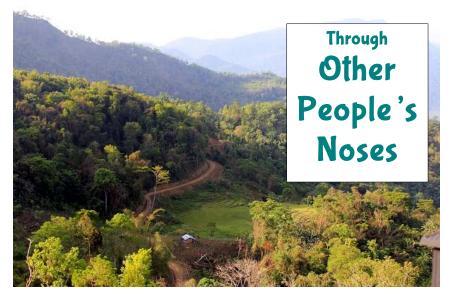
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Issue 53: The Bible In Every Language



ogan was full of questions. He had heard his Aunt Brenda tell his mom about her work in Asia.

Aunt Brenda said, "I wish there were more Bible Translators. Lots of languages still don't have the Bible in their language. We need to change that."

"What are Bible translators?" Logan wondered. The next day he found a chance to ask Aunt Brenda, "What is a Bible translator? Why do you say there should be more?"

"Well, let me tell you a story," Aunt Brenda said.

"A friend told me about a group of people called Goga* who live in Myanmar. A Goga man told my friend, 'We don't have an alphabet or any other way to write our language. But we want to write and read our own language.

'Because we can't read or write our own language, it's like breathing through other people's noses."

"What?!" Logan said. "That doesn't make sense!"

Aunt Brenda continued, "Over 200 years ago, a missionary named Adoniram Judson went to a country named Burma. It's called Myanmar now. Remember? It's where the Goga tribe live.

"Mr. Judson translated the

Bible into Burmese, but no one has translated the Bible into Goga.

"Goga families know Burmese, but their own words are what speak to their hearts. Because their language isn't written, it feels like they don't have their own air to breathe and have to use other people's air.

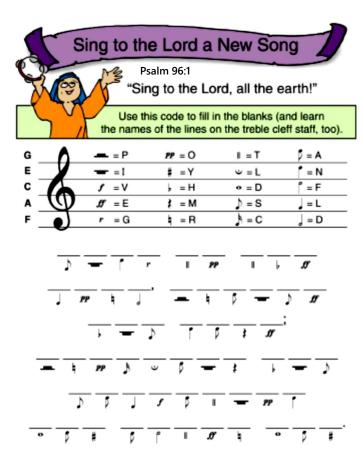
"The Goga people want to use their own noses to breathe. That means they want to read and teach God's Word in their own language. They want to write their own songs of worship in their language."

Logan wrinkled his forehead. "So your friend is inventing a language for the Goga people?"



*Formerly known as Koki Naga or Kokak.

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from **every** tribe, **language**, race of people, and nation."

(Revelation 5:9, ERV (Easy to Read Version))



Has every tribe,	
language,	If not, then what should
race,	we do about that?
and nation	
heard about Jesus yet?	

Praise Jesus in every language.

"No, the Goga language already exists, but only by speaking. Soon they will be able to use it in writing, too. My friend and some Gogas worked at testing out a way to write down the sounds of that language. Goga sounds are different from other languages. Figuring out how

to write them is like figuring out a puzzle. For my friend, that's fun.

"When my friend and her Goga team decided they had chosen a good alphabet for Goga, they

tried it with a list of words. Now they will make some booklets to teach the Goga how to read their language. They might have to change some things a few times until the alphabet works well. The Goga who learn to use it can write songs and stories of their own.

"Then the Goga can feel comfortable, like breathing through their own noses. Some of them and my friend

will make a team to translate the Bible into Goga."

"Wow, that's a lot of work!" Logan said. "But helping people know God better in that way would be a wonderful job. Thanks for telling me that story, Aunt Brenda."



That night in his bedroom, Logan began to talk to God about becoming a Bible translator when he grows up.

How about you? Will you ask God if He wants you to one day learn a language that doesn't have God's Word and then help translate the Bible for them?

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Do You know?



Over 110 million people, speaking 1,559 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 a full Bible available in their first language.

It takes 10 to 20 years or more to complete a whole Bible translation

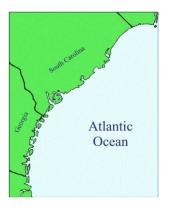
About 677 languages have a complete Bible. 1,550 languages have a New Testament. BUT......

Over 110 million people, speaking 1,559 languages still need Bible translation to begin in their language.

Does God want you to grow up, get the needed training and help start a new Bible translation? There are more than 100 Bible Translation organizations you could join to do that. Pray about it!



TRY IT!



Sea Island Creole, also known as Gullah, is spoken off the coast of southeastern USA. **Gullah** is a real language, an English creole: its words comes mostly from English and from various African languages.

In the box below is a Bible verse written in Gullah Creole. Beside each line write what you think the word-by-word English translation is. You will see it is a verse you probably know well. But write what you see, not what you have memorized. What verse is it?

Cause God lob
all de people een
de wol
sommuch dat e
gii we e onliest
Son. God sen
we um so dat
ebrybody dat wa
blebee pon um
ain gwine dead.
Day gwine lib
faebamo.

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