

# Bible Translation Status

## 1. Overall Task

Estimated total living languages in the world	7,110
Questionable translation need or dying languages	-2,217
Estimated total languages needing translation	4,893
Translation complete or underway	-3,334
Translation needed to start	1,559

## 2. Current Status

About 677 languages have a complete Bible. Another 1,550 languages have a New Testament and about 1,107 additional languages have some Scripture portions or translation has recently started.

There is known active translation and / or linguistic development happening in 2,639 languages across more than 170 countries involving more than 100 translation organizations.

Translation Needed  
1,559 (21.9%)

Complete Bible  
677 (9.5%)

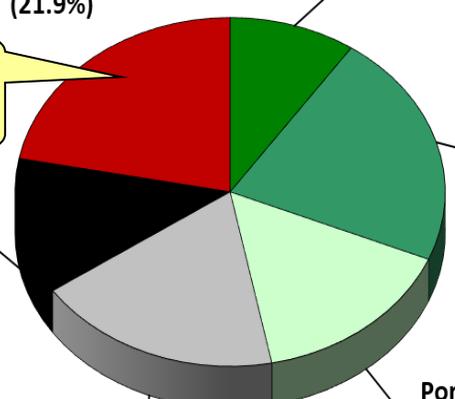
New Testament  
1,550 (21.8%)

Dying 900  
(12.7%)

Questionable Need  
1,317 (18.5%)

Portions or Translation  
Underway 1,107 (15.6%)

Bible translation ministries hope to start translation in possibly over 160 languages this year.



## 3. The Need

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.

## 4. Availability

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

Faith Comes By Hearing ([www.bible.is](http://www.bible.is)) now has the New Testament available in audio format in over 1,800 languages online and totally free.

YouVersion ([www.youversion.com](http://www.youversion.com)) has more than 1,740 Bible versions in 1,135 languages available at no cost. The YouVersion Bible App has been installed on more than 330 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.

