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Luke's Hero

A commentator on the book of Acts has astutely observed: "It's plain from Acts that the Apostle Paul is writer Luke's hero. Indeed, the main object of some passages of Acts seems to be to show how Paul stands head and shoulders above other men. This is so, for example, in the voyage and shipwreck story of chapter 27, where at the most critical juncture Paul stands out as master of the situation.

"But Acts not only reveals the greatness of Paul's character; it also establishes the validity of his apostleship when compared with, say, that of Peter. Does Peter heal a lame man (chapter 5)? So does Paul (chapter 14). Does Peter's shadow have healing power (chapter 3)? So do Paul's handkerchiefs (chapter 19). Does Peter exorcize (chapter 5)? So does Paul (chapter 16). Has Peter a victorious encounter with a sorcerer (chapter 8)? So has Paul (chapter 13). Does Peter raise the dead (chapter 9)? So does Paul (chapter 20)."

Acts in the Dagara language has been in publication form for over two years now, and Mark's Gospel has been in print almost four years. The book of Revelation is close to the publishing stage.

- **Praise God for the portions of His Word—Mark and Acts— that have been in print and in circulation in Dagara for some time. Pray that Revelation will be there soon.**
- **Pray that the Lord will use the Dagara mother-tongue Scriptures to "open [each person's] heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul" (Acts 16:14).**

A Dozen Books Still To Draft

The books still remaining to be drafted in the Dagara New Testament number a dozen. This means 15 books are now in draft form. Some of these are currently moving through later stages in the translation process, such as team checking and village testing.

- **Thank the Lord that 15 New Testament books, many of them lengthy and full of challenging material for the translator, are in first draft and advancing through the other steps.**
- **Pray for the Dagara translators as they carry on with the monumental task of sculpting and chiseling the books already drafted to get these in final form.**



- **Location: Burkina Faso, Africa**
- **Number of Speakers: 80,000**
- **Year Project Began: 1997**
- **Expected Completion Date: 2012**

- **Pray that the team will experience God's grace as they undertake to translate new Bible books for the very first time.**