



Majang New Testament

Contemplating Christ's Eternal Being

The books of Ephesians and Colossians have much similar content. In both books the Apostle Paul leads his readers to contemplate Christ's eternal being—His relation to the Father and the Holy Spirit before the worlds were made. Taking for his theme the divine attributes of Christ, Paul pierces behind the incarnation to the eternal, preexistent, omnipotent Son of God who reigns in heaven. Christ is exhibited as God manifest in the flesh, and, as the corollary to this teaching, Paul sets forth the union of the individual and the church with God through Christ.

- Praise God for the lofty heights to which Paul brings his readers in Ephesians and Colossians.
- Pray that the Lord will open the hearts of many Majang speakers to respond to the message of His Word.

The Translation Side of Things

The Majang translators have drafted Colossians and also drafted and team-checked 1 and 2 Thessalonians along with 1 and 2 Timothy. Ephesians is now being drafted. Soon they'll do a team-check of Ephesians and Colossians.

The planned consultant-check of 1 and 2 Peter was partially done. The consultant's check is still on the agenda for 1, 2 and 3 John, Jude and Philippians chapter 4. Soon a back-translation of 1 and 2 Thessalonians and 1 and 2 Timothy from Majang into literal English will be done and given to the consultant.

- Pray for the translators as they stretch toward the goal of a Majang New Testament.
- Keep praying that consultants will be available to meet the Scripture checking needs of the team.
- Continue to pray for the spiritual welfare of the translators and of the believing community as a whole.
- Pray for the team as they plan to make the Scriptures accessible in audio format.
- Pray that the local Scripture reviewers' committee will maintain high quality work necessary for a good translation.



- Location: Ethiopia
- Number of Speakers: 40,000
- Year Project Began: 2008
- Expected Completion Date: 2014



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Getting the Central Message Across

A common translation challenge that most language teams face are difficult Bible verses and key biblical terms such as *grace* and *redemption* that they can't find adequate renderings for. In a recent consultant's check of a Bible book, the Majang words for *holy*, *blessed*, *salvation*, *faith*, *hope* and *worship* were ambiguous. This is an important concern, since key terms are thematic in Scripture and carry a lot of the information necessary to get the central message across.

- **Pray that the Majang team will come across meaningful expressions in their language to render crucial biblical concepts.**

Paul's Last Will and Testament

The epistles to Timothy and Titus, which are Paul's last inspired correspondence, hold an important place in the canon of New Testament books. Schisms and heresies were coming to life within the fold of God's people, and meanwhile the apostolate was dying out. Therefore, it was incumbent upon "*Paul the aged*" (Philemon 9) to meet this danger by striking again and again the note of "*hold fast the faithful word*" (Titus 1:9).

In short, this group of three epistles (1 and 2 Timothy and Titus) constitutes Paul's last will and testament, in which he gives his final instructions for the maintenance and continuity of the faith. If Christ's church was to be a standing memorial of the gospel and the repository of the oracles of God, then His disciples would need to be like a city upon a hill and a beacon summoning people to the Lord.

- **Pray that God's people among the Majang will take Paul's charge seriously and strive to make Christ's Good News known, believed and obeyed in their communities, using Paul's last words in 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus.**