

Mantive NT OT Cluster*

Racing Toward the Finish Line

Thank you for your continued prayers during this critical final phase of publishing the heart-language Scriptures for the Eje, Ere, Gest, Gom, Iro, Raba and Uchu people groups. Your participation in prayer is vital as we advance towards the conclusion of the project and distribution of the New Testaments (Old Testament in Raba) in each local community. From the moment a translation project starts, God’s Word begins to make impact.

Initial Impact – First Fruits of Peace

“This is the message of Good News ... that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all” (Acts 10:36, NLT).

At the great event of the Savior’s birth, a multitude of the heavenly host proclaimed “peace on earth, good will toward men!” as the night sky blazed with God’s glory. As Jesus walked the earth, often He greeted folks by saying, “Peace be with you.” Jesus told His disciples to do the same: “Whenever you enter someone’s home, first say, ‘May God’s peace be on this house.’”

And when the time of His crucifixion drew near, Jesus comforted His friends, saying, “I am leaving you with a gift — peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid” (John 14:27, NLT).

Still today, the initial impact of God’s Word brings peace of mind and comfort of heart. And you are helping others receive that precious gift. Through the Mantive Cluster translation project “the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining” (1 John 2:8) for the mother-tongue speakers as they get to know Jesus.

Life transformations take place as believers embrace God’s Word. Christian character is developed, and relationships are healed. The Word bonds the brethren, promoting unity and peace. Imagine how the Church will thrive when believers receive a copy of the printed New Testament in six languages and Old Testament in one language!

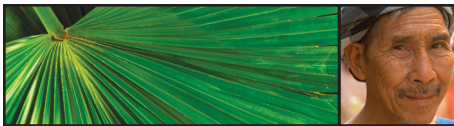
Prayer Guide

The guide on the next page highlights strategic prayer needs as the Mantive Cluster project is in the final stages of completion. During this crucial period, continued prayer will bring maximum impact as God’s Word is distributed and shines throughout the community.



For security reasons, pseudonyms have been used for the language name and names of individuals.

- Location: Mainland SE Asia
- Number of Speakers: 307,000
- Year Project Began: 2001
- Expected Completion Date: 2012



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PRAY FOR THE SEVEN LANGUAGE GROUPS

- **Pray for the Eje and Gest people groups as the New Testament in their languages is drawing close to the time it will be released to the population.**
- **Pray for the Ere and Uchu New Testaments, which are at the printing stage.**
- **Pray for the Gom and Iro teams as they look forward to wrapping up their New Testament programs in the coming year.**
- **Pray for the Raba Old Testament; this is progressing well and moving toward completion.**

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE AND PROTECTION

- **Please pray for physical health and stamina for the translation teams and their family members.**
- **Pray that the spirit of peace will rest in the hearts of the believers and that a spirit of cooperation among denominations will flourish as they embrace God's Word in their language.**
- **Pray that team members will have courage, strength and protection in the event of persecution.**

PRAY FOR THE PRINTING

- **Pray that the publication process will go smoothly without glitches.**

PRAY FOR THE IMPACT

- **Pray that the arrival of the printed Scriptures will have a powerful impact in the communities.**

Six Steps of Translation

- 1. First Draft:** translators analyze what a passage says and produce a first draft.
- 2. Team Check:** translators check each verse for accuracy and clarity.
- 3. Community Testing:** translators share drafted Scripture with community members to test how well it communicates.
- 4. Back Translation:** translators translate the draft "back" into a major language for a non-native consultant.
- 5. Consultant Check:** a consultant checks the translation with the team to make sure expected standards are met.
- 6. Proofread:** translators rigorously proofread the final draft for errors before publication.

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