



Mbula

Floodlight on Christ

The work of God’s Holy Spirit could aptly be referred to as a floodlight ministry. He doesn’t call attention to Himself or present Himself directly to believers as the Father and Son do. Rather, it’s as if He stands behind His people throwing light over their shoulder onto Jesus who stands facing them. That’s because the Holy Spirit is self-effacing. Thus, He’s like a hidden floodlight shining on the Savior. So, as believers focus on Christ, “fixing [their] eyes on Him” (Hebrews 12:2), the power, enablement and holy life that the Spirit desires to bestow will be more and more evident in them.

- **Praise God for giving believers His Holy Spirit, without whom the truths of Scripture, especially about Christ, would stand unconnected to them personally and be nothing more than just great literature.**
- **Pray for the Mbula translation team. Pray that as they make Christ supreme in their lives and ministry, they’ll experience His grace and strength.**

Chiseling Their Work

The Mbula team finished their verse-by-verse check of Matthew’s Gospel with the consultant, as planned. They’ve also tested the book with people in the local community to gauge clarity and naturalness. Keyboarding of the Gospels of Mark and Luke has been completed too. Typing of Acts continues. Testing of Luke is ongoing as well.

The translators are still reviewing Luke together as a team and will do the same for Mark next as they proceed through the completely drafted New Testament to bring it up to publishable standard. This process is being carried out through the team checks, village testing and consultant checks. On the agenda soon is the consultant’s check of Luke.

Biblical Greek—A Valuable Tool

The lead translator took an intensive course in Biblical Greek to sharpen his skills in working with the original language of the New Testament—a valuable tool to have for ensuring accuracy of the translation.



- **Location: Nigeria, Africa**
- **Number of Speakers: 100,000**
- **Year Project Began: 2008**
- **Expected Completion Date: 2013**

- **Pray for the team as they move through the Mbula New Testament—book-by-book—chiseling and refining their work until the polished end product is formed.**

- **Pray that the Lord will provide a desktop computer and a printer for the project.**

- **Pray that the translator can put to good use the principles he learned at the Biblical Greek course.**