



Ning

Helpers To Come Alongside

Bible translators don't work alone. They couldn't finish their task without input from other members of the community, local churches, advisors, consultants and sometimes translators from neighboring languages.

A reviewers' committee is one such group of helpers. The Ning team is ready to recruit and train a group of mother-tongue speakers who will read, examine and offer advice about the translation. The team will need patience, attention to detail and awareness of the need for repetition as they train these reviewers. Many of them may be brand new to the idea of translation and need more help and preparation than others.

The team will look for people to serve on this committee who come from a cross-section of the community to get a variety of feedback about their work. These will be both men and women, some of whom may be Christians and others not. This will help ensure the best possible quality translation. The diversity represented will also make it more likely that all segments of the community will use the Scriptures when they become available.

- Please pray for the Ning team as they train this new reviewers' committee.

Acts in the Final Phases

The team has been busy implementing the suggestions that the consultant offered to enhance the translation of Acts. They're now putting the final touches on the book to get it ready for publication in booklet form.

Translation Step 6: Proofread

The translation is carefully proofread prior to publication.

Romans—Aiming for a Worthy End Product

The team finished their verse-by-verse check of Romans and also back-translated it into English in preparation for a consultant's review. The consultant's input will be valuable for determining if the Ning version expresses what the source text is intended to say and if it sounds natural and clear in the language. The process can be slow and tedious, but it's essential to the quality of the end product. The team hopes to publish this book soon.



- Location: East Africa
- Number of Speakers: 384,000
- Year Project Began: 2009
- Expected Completion Date: 2015

- Pray that members of the Ning community will be motivated to read the book of Acts when it's published. Ask God to move pastors' hearts to use it in their churches and encourage their congregations to use it at home.

- Pray for the Ning team and the consultant. They'll need tenacity as they work through the details, alertness when weariness settles in, openness to the process, a good comfort level during the consulting sessions and teachable hearts to be willing to make changes.
- Pray that Ning believers will be encouraged as they read about God's eternal purpose, man's helplessness, the freedom available in Christ and its applications—all detailed in Paul's letter to the Romans.



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A Good Foundation

“And now I entrust you to God and the word of his grace—his message that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those he has set apart for himself” (Acts 20:32).

Paul said this to the church in Ephesus as he was preparing to leave them for the last time. He knew he’d never see them again. His farewell speech evoked a deep emotional response from his audience (Acts 20:37-38). But Paul left them on a good foundation. He entrusted them first to God, in whom they lived and who lived in them. And Paul had given them God’s message; he’d firmly established them through teaching from God’s Word. He knew the message would build them in their faith and help them understand their position in Christ and future in heaven.

- **As you continue to pray for the Ning people, ask the Lord to establish them in His Word.**
- **Pray that the believers will realize and live according to God’s grace, not a set of religious rules. Ask the Lord to remind them of His incredible love for them and of the unchanging hope of His future plans for His people.**
- **May you be encouraged in the same hope as you interact with God’s Word today.**

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