



Ninzo New Testament

Thank you for your continued prayers as we approach the dedication and distribution of the Ninzo New Testament within the community. From the moment a translation project begins, God's Word begins to make impact. As the Good News of the Gospel spreads throughout the community, God prepares hearts to receive His Son Jesus.

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 Ninzo New Testament translation project “the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining” (1 John 2:8) for the Ninzo 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!

Anticipation Mounts!

The Ninzo are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their New Testaments! The ship carrying the New Testaments is on the way to Nigeria and expected to arrive around January 20. Once the “Books” arrive in Nigeria, they will be brought overland to Jos and finally to the Ninzo area. Although details of the dedication celebration are being worked out, they're not yet finalized.

- **Thank God for creating enthusiasm among the people for His Word and preparing hearts to receive the New Testament Scriptures in their own language!**



- Location: Nigeria, Africa
- Number of Speakers: 100,000
- Year Project Began: 1996
- Expected Completion Date: 2011

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- **Ask the Lord to help the Ninzo people work out the dedication details as they plan this very important celebration to distribute their New Testaments to the people.**



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Continued Prayer

Continued prayer will bring maximum impact as God's Word is distributed and shines throughout the community. Please continue to hold the project, the team and the community in prayer before God.

- **Please continue in prayer that the published New Testaments will be delivered safely, undamaged and in a timely manner.**
- **Thank God for the growing enthusiasm among the Ninzo people as they await their New Testaments. Pray that neighboring groups may also come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as the Ninzo people share God's Word with them.**

"It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it" (Isaiah 55:11, NLT).

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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