

Omaraz



Ready, Set...Go!

The Omaraz project has gotten off to a running start. The team purchased the solar equipment they needed and had it installed so they could power their computers. After the computers arrived, the translators were trained in how to use the translation-specific software to begin their work.

- **Praise God that the equipment and personnel are now in place and the Omaraz team is beginning their work.**
- **Pray for the translators. Starting to draft the Scriptures is a difficult task, and the learning curve can be steep.**

Plotting Their Strategy

In coming months, the Omaraz team will be drafting the Gospels of Mark, Luke and John. This will give them practice in studying and discussing each passage in question and then writing out the translation in their mother tongue. They'll also be receiving further instruction in using software that will help them check their work.

Translation Step 1: First Draft

Translating the Scriptures in first draft begins with exegesis, which is the explanation or critical interpretation of a Scripture text essential to creating this draft.

- **Continue to pray that the team will cultivate a good work ethic during the early phases of the project.**
- **Keep praying that the translators can maintain the momentum with which they started and that local churches will continue to be supportive and encouraging to the team.**
- **Pray for protection for the team and their family members. As they encroach on Satan's long-held territory, opposition is to be expected. Ask God to safeguard the team members' time and unity as well as their health and physical wellbeing.**

Living on the Wild Side

Jesus said, "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God" (Luke 12:21).

In these trying economic times, every person in almost every country is affected. Maybe you've lost a job or retirement income. Perhaps you've taken a pay cut to keep your company afloat. The Omaraz team praises God for your faithfulness in the midst of economic uncertainties. Because of your rich relationship with God, you've chosen the "better part that cannot be taken away" (Luke 10:42). In addition, you're making it possible for others to understand what it means to have a "rich relationship with God" by investing in Bible translation. Thank you.



- **Location: East Africa**
- **Number of Speakers: 783,000**
- **Project Goal: New Testament**
- **Year Project Began: 2009**
- **Expected Completion Date: 2016**

- **Praise God for providing the human and technical resources needed to bring His Word to the Omaraz people, even in the midst of difficult economic circumstances worldwide.**

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