



Hua Old Testament IM*

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Hua Christians struggle in a society where other religions dominate. In recent years they've come under attack from the major religion. The church here needs to grow and mature, to face the onslaught of these threats and evangelize with a readily-understood message of truth and hope. For that to happen, they desperately need the Old Testament, to supplement their understanding of the New Testament.

THE CONTEXT

All the copies of the Hua New Testament, published in 2000, have been sold. The team plans a second printing; but in addition, pastors and church leaders have requested the Old Testament. They'd like to have Psalms first, since much of their liturgy uses that book. They want their congregations to engage with God as David did, experiencing Him more fully and to become a people "after God's own heart."

THE NEED

The Old Testament's stories demonstrate God's power, mercy and justice. They illustrate how God honors and works through people who obey him and yield their lives to Him. As the Hua people understand more of the Old Testament—through their heart language—God can use these stories to draw them to Himself.

In the gospels, Christ often quotes from the Old Testament. So to put these verses into context, the Hua people need the rest of the Bible in their mother tongue.

THE SOLUTION

This translation team plans to produce chronological Bible stories in Hua. These will help non-readers understand the plan of salvation. The team also wants to prepare a dramatized recording of the New Testament and Hua songs. Plus, a second edition printing of the Hua New Testament will include Genesis and Psalms.

These materials will provide local churches with tools they need to implement their own language weekly, rather than only monthly in the services. The new Scripture portions will also provide a foundation for basic church doctrine, including man's fall, the rise of nations and the Abrahamic Covenant. Psalms will offer the Hua references for the origins of many New Testament quotes.



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- **Location:** Southeast Asia
- **Number of Speakers:** 6,000
- **Project Goal:** Genesis, Psalms, Song and Liturgy book of Psalms, Story Set, Dramatized NT recording, "JESUS" film
- **Year Project Began:** 2010
- **Expected Completion Date:** 2013



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THE PEOPLE

Hua farmers grow coffee, cacao and a variety of vegetable crops. Citrus trees and bananas also abound in their homeland. Everyone grows rice, which is their staple food. Some families raise cattle or horses as well. The area is known for its abundance of water buffalo, which the people use to plow.

The Hua enjoy music and dance; they have traditional dances for many life-cycles, such as planting and harvesting rice. Sequined blouses, layered skirts and an abundance of shiny jewelry embellish every dance celebration.

THE TEAM

Lead mother-tongue translator Papa Man and translator Umana are working under the supervision of Risma. He is a facilitator from the same country, but he is not a mother-tongue Hua speaker. Kharles will help with keyboarding, and three other local speakers—one of whom is a pastor—will form a review committee. A Seed Company consultant is also assigned to this project, who will help keep the translators on their projected timeline, so they can submit materials as they're ready.

A series of scheduled workshops will help the team accomplish their goals on time. Six national and international partner organizations are also involved in this project, to help with producing audio, video and story materials. Those groups will also assure ongoing use of the scriptures, once the translators have finished their work.

JOINING THE TEAM

The Hua translators cannot complete their goals without your financial investment and prayer. Your financial investment makes translation possible, providing training, adequate computer equipment, translation supplies and living expenses for the translators' families. Your prayer helps translators and their families face problems like sickness, conflict and spiritual opposition that can threaten their work.

Call The Seed Company toll-free at 1-877-593-7333 or visit www.theseedcompany.org/projects to commit to invest and pray for the Hua team.

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