



# Tera

## Most Wonderful Books on Earth

The four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) have rightly been called the most wonderful books on earth. These accounts of the words and deeds of Jesus may be viewed as passion narratives with extended introductions. Everything the four Evangelists wrote pointed ahead to the climax of the death and resurrection of Jesus. In all the accounts of the mission of Jesus the cross stands out as the most important feature, and its significance is carried over into the rest of the New Testament.

The Tera translators are pleased to report that all the Gospels in the mother tongue have been drafted, team checked and reviewed by a consultant. The last Gospel, John, was consulted in January. A donated printer has made it easier to print copies for community testing. The team finished testing Matthew and is revising the book using people's feedback gained from the trial edition. Of the Gospels, only John remains to be tested.

The published Luke continues to make an impact, being used in Sunday services. Many people have asked for the printed copies of Luke and are eager to get other Scripture portions after listening to the audio recording of Luke.

- **Pray that God will guide the team as they polish the Gospels to ensure that the translation is accurate, intelligible, dynamic, and flows like good Tera.**

## Luke's Hero

A commentator on the book of Acts has astutely observed: "It's plain from Acts that the Apostle Paul is writer Luke's hero. Indeed, the main object of some passages of Acts seems to be to show how Paul stands head and shoulders above other men. This is so, for example, in the voyage and shipwreck story of chapter 27, where at the most critical juncture Paul stands out as master of the situation.

"But Acts not only reveals the greatness of Paul's character; it also establishes the validity of his apostleship, showing it to be comparable with, say, that of Peter. Does Peter heal a lame man (chapter 5)? So does Paul (chapter 14). Does Peter's shadow have healing power (chapter 3)? So do Paul's handkerchiefs (chapter 19). Does Peter exorcize (chapter 5)? So does Paul (chapter 16). Has Peter a victorious encounter with a sorcerer (chapter 8)? So has Paul (chapter 13). Does Peter raise the dead (chapter 9)? So does Paul (chapter 20)."

The Tera translators finished drafting Acts, in answer to prayer, and have moved on to the epistles of Paul. They recently drafted Galatians and typed the book into the computer. They hope to find another person to train in the use of Paratext, an editing program, to assist in the key-boarding of Scripture.



- **Location: Nigeria, Africa**
- **Number of Speakers: 100,000**
- **Year Project Began: 2008**
- **Expected Completion Date: 2012**

- **Pray that the Lord will use the Tera mother-tongue Scriptures to "open [each person's] heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul" (Acts 16:14).**
- **Pray for the local committees (prayer, financial, language and reviewers'). Pray that they'll be fully dedicated to the project.**
- **Continue to pray for more laborers in the Lord's harvest field to enable the work among the Tera to speed ahead (Matthew 9:37-38).**