

**PowerPoint script**

**[slide 1 – Bible Society intro page]**

**[slide 2 – Bible Society context]**

**[slide 3 – Life cycle of a Bible image]**

**[slide 4 –Nelson Mandela]**

Ask your congregation for their guesses on:

- the number of languages in the world (7,100)
- the number with a full Bible (511)
- the number of languages with no Scripture whatsoever (4,455)

Reveal the answers.

**[slide 5 translation by numbers]**

*(Play Bible translator video)*

**[slide 6 – the launch of the Shilluk Bible in South Sudan]**

It took 35 years for translators to complete the Shilluk Bible, but finally, in 2013, it was launched – to great celebrations. People came from everywhere to the Malakal Stadium in South Sudan, once the site of terrible massacres in the civil war, to mark the event. Pastor Peter Adjwok said it was ‘the right time’ for the launch of this Bible.

He added, ‘The Shilluk people need God to speak to them. It will be a great harvesting when we take this Bible to many villages in the Shilluk land.’

**[slide 7 – little boy holding Bible]**

Today, as the conflict continues in South Sudan, the new Bible has become a lifeline for the Shilluk people who have been forced out of their homes and into refugee camps.

Tens of thousands of people have been killed in the brutal ethnically-motivated war, and 1.5million people have been displaced. Shilluk Bible translator Roda Oman was caught up in street fights in Malakal, and fled to a US refugee camp. She said, ‘The Shilluk Bible is keeping people alive during the difficult times we are facing. The Shilluk people who do have Bibles are reading them day and night. The ones I saw being used by people in the UN camp are almost worn out from constant use.’

*(Play Shilluk video)*

**[slide 8 – Mongolian woman]**

This Mongolian woman wept as she heard the Scriptures in her language for the first time during a distribution of the Mongolian New Testament. A group of women stood to pray together outside the church. As they prayed, heads bowed, one woman sobbed. She had never heard the Bible in her own language before.

**[slide 9 – celebration scenes, Congo]**

Meanwhile, more than 1,000 people crowded into a town square in northern Congo for the long-awaited launch of the first Beembe New Testament. During the four-hour ceremony, people danced, prayed and read from their new Scriptures. They formed long lines to give to the offering, and at the end clambered forwards for a copy of the New Testament.

They'd been waiting for this moment for 20 years, and it was the first time they were able to read the Scriptures in their language.

**[slide 10 – Evelyne holding Bible]**

Sixty-two-year-old Evelyne, said, 'I am delighted with this New Testament. It touches my soul. It allows me to feel closer to God, and I give thanks to God for this precious gift.'

**[slide 11 – gift amounts]**

Since 2013, Bible Society has been working on 100 key translations – *which will reach 500million people.*

They could be finished by the end of this year. But your support is needed if we want to see these translations completed.

Please pray. And if you could consider giving a gift, please know that this will help translation work around the world. It costs just £6 to translate a verse into a new language.

We'd just like to end by showing you a short video of what it feels like to receive the Bible for the first time. (*Play Kimyal video*)

**[slide 12 – thank you]**

**[slide 13 – BS details]**