

Providing Bibleless People groups their first Bible

Dear friends of firstBible,

Looking over the list of individuals, churches, and businesses who have given over the past year was a humbling reminder that God's people truly believe in the work of *firstBible*. I was reminded that every time an online donation notification appeared was a demonstration of the love people have for those without God's Word. Every time a person called to say "we are sending a check," was a statement that Bible translation is important to them. Every time an email came with the promise, "funds are on the way," was clear evidence they believe the Gospel message is worth investing in. Today, you are receiving this letter because you believe! You believe there is a void in the hearts of mankind that only Christ Jesus can fill; you believe that the power of God unto salvation comes from the publishing of God's Word in the heart language of the people. You believe it so much, that in 2021, you gave to our ministry. From all of us at *firstBible International*, and those we partner with, we want to say thank you! Your gift, donation, matching funds, or monthly support is allowing us to work together to provide Bibleless people their first Bible.

In 2021, the revision work on the Simte Bible was completed! In November, we were able to load, pray over, and send a container of Scriptures to the Simte people. This container also had nearly 70,500 Thadou John and Romans and nearly 95,000 Nepali John and Romans to be distributed to speakers of those languages in that area. The Simte people are making plans to hold a dedication service soon. During this service, they will praise the Lord for giving them His precious Word and will begin to distribute this Bible to their people. Below is a testimony from one of their faithful men:

"The first Simte Bible- the New Testament and Psalm was printed in 1973 and inaugurated in 1975. (It was only possible with the help of Uncle James Garlow, the missionary of Baptist Mid-Mission who introduced us to the Trinitarian Bible Society, London in the early 60s when the Bible Society of India(BSI) would refused to take-up the Simte Bible project as our population was too small.) The Holy Bible was given to us in 1992, that too, printed by the TBS, London."

"Our joy with happiness and excitement. This Simte Bible, which we are going to receive after a gap of 28 years, will mean a lot to the Simte people across India. **A majority of our youths of this generation will be having the Holy Bible for the first time.** This Bible will quench our thirst to have the Scripture, through the reading of the Bible and renew our faith in the Lord. As many are excited and anxious to hold in their hands, I believe that the Simte Bible will be 'A lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path.' -Ps. 119:105."

"We are very much indebted to the Trinitarian Bible Society(TBS) and the firstBible International(FBI) for printing this Bible. It is our prayer that the Lord shall bless all those who are involved and contributed generously towards this Bible."

Because you believed, people are receiving, and will continue to receive, their own copy of God's Word. I can't wait to see all that our God will do in 2022 as we continue to partner together in Bible translation, national training, and church planting. Again, thank you so much for your partnership! May the Lord continue to use you for His glory.

Your servant in Christ,



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