

‘GOOD NEWS TO EVERY NATION, TRIBE, AND TONGUE’

TRANSLATION REQUIRED IN ORDER TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS (2 min.)

The confusion of languages at the Tower of Babel gave rise to new professions, those of an interpreter and a translator

In the first century, some Christians were miraculously able to speak in a language they did not know (Ac 19:6)

If those present did not understand the language, an interpreter was required so that those hearing might be built up spiritually (1Co 14:5, 13)

Today, with about 6,700 languages in use throughout the world, can the good news reach every nation, tribe, and tongue? (Re 14:6)

Translation is needed to spread the good news

This global issue is being addressed by Jehovah’s Witnesses

Enjoy a fascinating video that explains how this is being done

<<**Video: ‘Good News to Every Nation, Tribe, and Tongue’ (24 min.)**>>

CONCLUDING COMMENTS BY CIRCUIT OVERSEER (4 min.)

Long before Jesus walked the earth, it was Jehovah’s purpose that the Kingdom good news be proclaimed in many languages (Da 7:14; Zec 8:23)

When Jesus said that the good news would be preached in all the earth, he realized that great effort would be required (Mt 24:14)

He did not specify all the details at that time (Joh 16:12)

The style of Mark’s Gospel suggests that it was written in Greek, with non-Jewish readers in mind (*it-2* 337)

Mark explained unfamiliar words (Mr 3:17; 5:41; 7:11; 15:34)

Jehovah’s servants in modern times have followed the first-century pattern at an accelerated pace (Joh 14:12)

As we have seen, an impressive amount of time and resources are devoted to caring for the spiritual needs of a vast array of peoples

To date, our Bible-based literature is translated into well over 600 languages

With what result?

Millions of people in hundreds of nations have been given “the change to a pure language” of Bible truth (Zep 3:9)

It was a joy to be introduced to some of these people by means of the video just viewed

As we contemplate the massive work of translation being accomplished worldwide, we are moved to echo the sentiments of Exodus 15:11: “Who among the gods is like you, O Jehovah? Who is like you, . . . the One doing marvels”!

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