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- C. For every 10 people that surrender to the field, only 1 actually makes it there.
- D. For every 4 missionaries that return home on furlough, only 1 returns to the field
- E. On average, comparing the number of known missionaries going to the field and the number of churches in the U.S., it takes four churches to produce one missionary (ratio of missionary to churches is 1:4).

Did God cease to call missionaries into His harvest fields or have we just stopped listening?

V. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ in response to this evidence.

- A. A lost world sits in darkness.
- B. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the source of Light (Rom 10:17).
- C. The Gospel must be in one's language in order to see the Light.

So much is dependent upon one's response to the Gospel, yea even his eternity. A response to the Gospel is only possible if those of us who have the Word of God make it available to those who do not, then, a choice can be made of how to respond (Rom. 10:17). Does it not make sense that with so much at stake, the message of God's dear Son must be translated in order for people to understand the message? Without understanding, there is no value in the hearing. Many Christians want to send the Light around the world, but few are willing to pay the Light bill. Would you allow God to use you to be involved with getting the "Message of Light" translated and taken to all nations?

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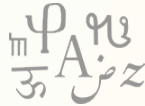
## ADULT LESSON 4



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# LESSON FOUR: TRANSLATION

## God Illuminates The World



A FEW

A PEOPLE GROUP

A GENERATION

THE WORLD



The summary of these last four weeks begins with the will of God. God's will and desire for all of mankind remains the same, to illuminate the darkened mind (Rom. 1:21) with a knowledge of Himself. He began a four-piece plan in which to accomplish this heavenly task. Each piece of the whole plan is progressive, reaching a larger audience than the preceding pieces.

Translation is imperative in order for this preserved, inspired, illuminating revelation to be taken to all nations, not only to those fortunate enough to speak the original languages of the Scriptures (2 Pt. 3:9). Usually, the last words spoken by a person are serious words. When Jesus spoke to his disciples just before He ascended into heaven, He left them with a task of kingdom importance. This command was to carry the Gospel message to every creature. The person who was at the furthest reach was just as important as his neighbor next door.

There are several evidences in Scripture indicating that Bible translation is a piece of God's plan necessary to accomplish His desire of illumination.

- I. God's \_\_\_\_\_ to go to all nations gives evidence.
  - A. It was a genuine concern of the Old Testament writers (Isa. 34:1-2; Zech. 2:11; Zech. 8:22-23; Ps. 117:1; Ps. 22:27-28; Ps. 67:2; Ps. 72:11, 17).
  - B. It was a genuine concern of Jesus Christ.
    1. Passages that reveal His desire to reach all nations: (Jn. 3:16; Jn. 8:12; Jn. 1:1-12; Jn. 4:13, 14; Mk. 16:15).
    2. People He reached show His desire to reach all nations. (Matt. 8:5-13; Luke 9:51-56; Matt. 15:21-28; Luke 10:4-34; Luke 17: 11-19; Luke 8:26-37; Jn. 12:20-32).

- C. It was a genuine concern of the Apostle Paul (he quotes Isa. 49:6 in Acts 13:44-47). (Acts 13:47; Col. 4:16; 2 Cor. 10:16).
- II. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ that gives evidence.
  - A. For God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 17:1-5).
    1. He truly is worthy of all \_\_\_\_\_ from every individual from every nation.
    2. He truly is worthy to be \_\_\_\_\_ to every individual from every nation.
  - B. For man's \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. Eternal life (Jn. 3:16).
    2. Changed life (1 Cor. 6:9-11- "such were some of you").
- III. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ that give evidence.

To bring closure to the Great Commission, our generation MUST do its part to take that with which we have been entrusted (1 Thess. 2:4) and pass it on for others. To effectively do this task, we must understand the following:

  - A. Over 7,300 known major languages spoken globally.
  - B. Approximately 600 languages have the entire Bible.
  - C. 1,500 languages have only the New Testament.
  - D. Around 1,005 languages have only Scripture portions (one or more books).
  - E. 209 million people comprise the languages with no Scripture portion at all.
  - F. 40% of the nearly 8 billion people today do not have access to any Scripture.
- IV. Today, we have a \_\_\_\_\_ in light of this evidence.
  - A. 70% of all Independent Baptist missionaries are over 60 years old (*BIMI statistics*).
  - B. Only 1% of US Bible college students are preparing to go to the