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GREETINGS, EVERYONE!

As 2023 races to a conclusion, we wish you and yours a great holiday season. We wanted to give you an update on our work with DOOR before the holidays arrive in force!

Autumn in western New York doesn't last long, but this year we were blessed with really amazing weather (mid-80s during the first week of October!) and some awesome opportunities to enjoy it. Our local church has been working through a year-long study of Old Testament Jewish festivals, and capped off the study with a week-long church camp-out in the lawn, celebrating the Jewish New Year holiday of Sukkot (or the Feast of Booths) with a decidedly modern twist, meaning a week of tent camping and campfire worship.

During part of the same week, Dan was invited to participate in a ministry retreat at the Abbey of the Genesee in Piffard, NY, where he spent several days in prayer and worship with some local pastors, and basked in the Psalms in a really great time of spiritual refreshment. Dan is especially grateful for the encouragement to re-engage with scripture memorization and is working on memorizing his third Psalm since this retreat.

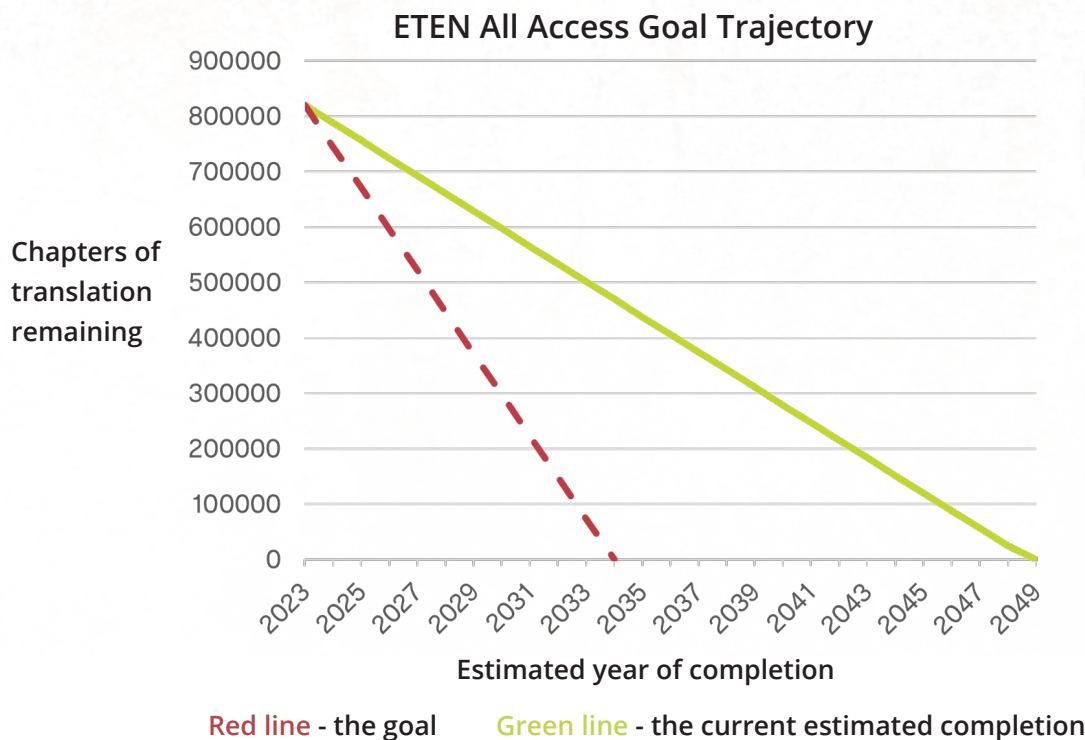
Early November found us in warm, beachy Amelia Island, Florida, enjoying an intense time of ministry focus and sunshine. We were there as part of the Every Tribe, Every Nation (ETEN) annual summit. As we mentioned in our last newsletter, ETEN is all about bringing the Bible translation organizations of the world together under the banner of their common goal. Sarah used the weather and location as an opportunity to check an item off her bucket list: horseback riding on the beach at dawn! Ezra, of course, just loved the beach, and Dan savored the chance to meet up with a large number of Bible translation colleagues who he rarely gets to see in person.

ENDING BIBLE PROVERTY... WHEN?

As members of a Bible translation organization, we recognize a singular focus in our work: that God's Word will accomplish His will and lead to transformed lives. We resonate with this verse in Isaiah:

**It is the same with my Word.
I send it out, and it always produces fruit.
It will accomplish all I want it to,
and it will prosper everywhere I send it.
(Isaiah 55:11)**

To this end, many of us have made it our life's work to see the Word available to everyone in their heart language. As I've mentioned before, though, this is a BIG job. At the ETEN conference in November, cutting-edge data tools were leveraged to give a glimpse at how much work is left. The chart below specifically tracks the All Access Goal, which states that every person on Earth should have at least some scripture available in their heart language, and 95% should have access to a complete Bible, all by the year 2033. While we've made a huge amount of progress in the last few decades, we still have a lot of work to do to meet this goal. At present, we're estimating the completion of the All Access Goal around the year 2049 if we continue on our current trajectory.



We are deeply thankful for your partnership with us in this work. We ask that you pray for us as we enter the final decade of this goal, that God would work mightily in the Church and in the Bible translation community to see His Word sent forth.



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