

## HOWe Things Are... Ministry News from Sheryl Nelson

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### Celebrating the full bible in the Guji Language in Ethiopia!

More than 3 million people speak Guji. Many Guji speakers follow Islam or traditional religion, but religion did not keep people away from the celebration activities of the Bible in Guji.

But in the middle of celebration came great tragedy. Three young men who joined the celebration were tragically killed when a truck struck the motorbike they were riding. One of their fathers shared, "there is sadness at the gate of my home, but I am filled with joy because we now have the whole Bible in our language". He said he felt like Simeon in Luke 2 — that now he can die in peace because he has seen this great hope, God's Word.

This grieving, yet rejoicing, father commissioned Guji believers: "I give you this assignment: take the gospel to the ends of the earth. Spread this gospel that is in our own language"

#### 🙏 Pray for the Guji community:

That communities would be transformed by the Holy Spirit as they encounter God in His Word. Pray for the many threats to the community: HIV/AIDs epidemic is a concern, as is increasing drug and alcohol abuse, and the traditional practice of Female Genital Mutilation as well as polygamy. Pray for freedom for the community as a whole and especially for women and girls.

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## 2 BILLION PEOPLE

ARE CUT OFF FROM BASIC OPPORTUNITIES IN LIFE  
BECAUSE THEIR LANGUAGES ARE NOT SUPPORTED.



#### No writing or dictionaries.

Some languages are only spoken. People aren't able to use them in formal ways like education, community rights or government recognition.



#### No books or education materials.

Even written languages may not have books or educational materials, making it hard to learn in the language, or to learn at all.



#### Excluded from technology.

Every language is written differently. Half of the world's languages cannot be used on computers or phones, social media, websites and more.

**TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP CHANGE THAT.**

### Answered Prayer

**Pray that the LORD of the harvest will send more workers into his fields, particularly of the IT/Technology skilled variety.** This week I received an email asking if I could use a product manager (I could). Praise God for this lead and pray for provision of needed finances for the individual.

