

HOWe Things Are... Ministry news from Sheryl Nelson

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“The Bible is for everyone”

A colleague is a Bible translator in a place with a non-Christian majority religion. The non-Christian religious leaders are quite interested in the Bible being translated into the local language. They're interested in the process, in people becoming literate, and in the text itself. My colleague says “the Bible is for everyone” — just like the gospel is for everyone (Mark 16:15, Galatians 3:28, Revelation 7:9).

I often forget how much I live in a bubble working with a lot of strong committed Christians. Years ago I led Bible studies for women housed in the county jail — a cross-cultural experience with people whose life experience is very different from mine. One Wednesday night, an older inmate “Sandra” shared a testimony about how God gave her mercy and a supernatural love for a fellow inmate. Sandra had been in solitary confinement for fighting. The whole time she was there, she'd been thinking about getting out and jumping (attacking) the person she blamed for putting her there. She planned the attack to take place at a meal time when she could use the food tray as a weapon. Sandra's opportune moment came when her enemy came close to where she was. And right then Sandra said, “I don't know what happened, but God stopped me. Instead of beating her, I asked how she was feeling and how her baby was”. Yep, Sandra had a whole plan to viciously attack a pregnant woman. And God intervened. The Bible is for everyone. God works in people's lives from different backgrounds and value systems to draw them to Himself.



This is Matthew Wale being sworn in on the Bible to the Parliament of the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific. It's not unusual to take an oath of office on a Bible. Many leaders do. Matthew Wale, however, is taking his oath of office on the Wala New Testament, the language of his people, the 8000 Wala speakers of Malita Island. It is the New Testament Matthew labored for five years to translate as a Bible Translator. Last month (May 2026), Matthew was elected Prime Minister of Solomon Islands.

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Please Pray that:

More people would read the Bible, seeing as how it's for everyone.

God would continue to provide kingdom workers — people who long to see everyone have access to a Bible in the language they speak — some with some technology skills to fill needed roles on my team.