

## Pioneer Bible Translators

**Our purpose:** Discipling the nations

**Our primary task:** Translating the Word of God for the world's peoples who do not yet have access to it in their own language.

**Our goals:**

- Providing Scripture in the languages of the people we serve
- Developing mother-tongue literacy programs
- Establishing and strengthening congregations
- Partnering with nationals to build sustainable and indigenous Scripture Impact programs
- Training leadership among nationals for partnership in reaching these goals

**Our desire:** Promoting the unity of all believers with Scripture as the sole authority

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6,912 known languages in the world

429 of those languages have a Bible

1,100 of them have *portions* of the Bible

This leaves about 200 million people without any scripture in their native language. For those who have access to a Bible in a second language, their reading proficiency will typically only reach 80%, which would be the equivalent of reading:

**For God so ? the ? that he gave his one and only ?, that whoever ? in him shall not perish but have ? life.** (John 3:16)

This is why it is important to not only translate the Bible, but to do it in the native (heart) language of the people. How blessed we are to have multiple translations in our heart language of English!

But the picture is so much bigger than just translating the Bible. Who will teach the people to read? Who will help them start churches? Who will teach them to live out their faith? Who will take care of and educate the missionary children? It takes lots of people with different gifts.

Where exactly I'm headed...

The position I will be going into in Papua New Guinea in 2009 is Logistical and Support Services located in the main office in Madang. There, I will be helping with all of the details that help things to run smoothly and enable others to be more effective in their ministries. This may include tasks such as buying and shipping supplies to the missionaries in the villages, accounting and bookkeeping, arranging flights, running errands, piles of paperwork, and anything else that might come up.

These seem to be the tasks that most people dread, but in all honesty, this is the work that I *love* to do. Interestingly enough, the work that I love to do has officially collided with the desire of my heart for Bibleless people to be reached with the Gospel.

But I can't go alone. That has been the overwhelming thought on my mind over these last few weeks. Recently I read an African proverb that seemed to put it perfectly:

*If you want to go fast, go alone*

*If you want to go far, go together.*

God has created us for community and to function as a member within the body of Christ. We are just not meant to go alone. I want to thank all of you who have already joined me on this journey through your gifts, kind words, encouragement, and prayers. These things truly have been my life-lines.

I ask that you consider joining in financial support of the work that Pioneer Bible Translators does. I need to form a team of ministry partners who will support PBT with monthly pledges, special donations, and prayers.

All contributions are tax-deductible and a receipt will be provided for tax purposes.

Thank you for your love and prayers.

In Him,

Sarah

## Ways To Partner

There are several ways you as an individual or a church can partner with this ministry:

- ✝ Prayer Partner
- ✝ Monthly Commitment
  - Write a check each month
  - Set up a recurring payment from your bank account through the PBT Gift*direct* program
- ✝ Special Donation
  - Via check or cash
  - Via credit card

If donating by check, please make checks payable to Pioneer Bible Translators, enclose in an envelope along with the form below, and mail to: Sarah Back, P.O. Box 33, Chillicothe, Illinois 61523. **The check should not have my name on it anywhere for it to qualify as an IRS deduction.** A receipt will be mailed to you.

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ⑧ I commit to being a prayer partner for Sarah Back.
- ⑧ Special donation enclosed.
- ⑧ I want to partner with PBT on a monthly basis in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ via  check  Gift*direct*  Credit card starting (date)\_\_\_\_\_ and ending (date)\_\_\_\_\_  
(Forms will be sent to you to complete.)
- ⑧ Please add me to your newsletter mailing list.
- ⑧ Please send me a copy of "In Search of the Source"
- ⑧ Please remove me from your newsletter mailing list.