

# The Bible Animation Project:

## Accelerating Deaf Owned Translation

I'm Eric Raingruber and I'm a missionary animator working with Wycliffe Associates in Deaf Owned Translation of the Bible.

### The Urgency

Over 400 deaf languages lack a translation of the Bible, leaving 75 million individuals without access to the life-changing message of the Scriptures. Often, the Deaf are the forgotten, the "least" in their cultures, with extremely limited literacy rates<sup>1</sup>. For the Deaf that can read and have the written Word, it's not in their heart language, as spoken language differs significantly from sign language.

### Wycliffe Associates' Unwavering Commitment

For over five decades, Wycliffe Associates has dedicated itself to streamlining and expediting Bible translation to reach hundreds of millions who remain without access to the Scriptures. The global Deaf community stands as one of the largest remaining unreached and unengaged people groups. Wycliffe is actively working towards translating and filming the Bible in every sign language, with 30 Deaf-owned translations in progress and 5 New Testaments partially completed.



### The Power of Animation

Animation serves as a catalyst in the translation process for passages with no direct translation. Like footnotes in a written Bible, our team creates visually compelling animations to explain foreign concepts. The uniqueness of animations lies in their universality – applicable to all 400 Deaf translations, and serving as visual footnotes for completed translations.



<sup>1</sup> Less than 2% of children with hearing limitations know how to read and write even after completing secondary education. 2023, Council of Europe

## Progress and Aim

The Bible Animation Project aims to finish animations for 12 books of the Bible by the end of 2025. To achieve this, we need to increase monthly support, allowing us to expand the work for our current team and bring on an additional part-time animator.



## A Monumental Goal

The ultimate vision is to create Bible animations to aide in translation for every book of the Bible, leaving no Deaf community without access to the Scriptures.



## Funding the Vision

To achieve this goal, we seek to raise our monthly funding from \$1,300 to \$6,200. Increased support will enable us to pay for more hours of animation and increase the size of the animation team. This will expedite the production of Bible animations to bring the transformative message of the Bible to Deaf communities worldwide.

## Your Support Matters!

- 1. Prayer:** Please pray for God's blessing on this work and for the provision of the necessary funds.
- 2. Financial support:** Consider partnering with us as a monthly financial supporter. Your contribution will impact Deaf lives for Christ around the world.

Thank you for being a vital part of transforming Deaf lives through the Bible Animation Project. Together, we can make God's Word accessible to those who have long been waiting to see it in their heart language.

Please contact me with any questions:

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