

Rejoice with us on the presentation of the Tampuan New Testament at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. on June 18, 2024



Long-time supporters rejoice as Old Testament lead translator Jon Smedley presents the Tampuan New Testament and a companion volume of Old Testament Portions to the Chief Archivist of the Museum of the Bible, Dr. Daved Schmidt. Andrew and Tanuja Carson of Australia, the lead translators for the Tampuan New Testament, could not attend.



This is the Bible Translation Hall in the Museum of the Bible. In the back are languages with no Bible projects yet (blue). On the left are languages that are in the process of being translated (pink). On the right are languages that have a complete New Testament (orange) or a complete Bible (yellow).



Assistant Registrar Chloe Phillips places the Tampuan New Testament in the section titled "Completed New Testaments."

Finally, you will be edified by David Gustafson's prayer at the presentation:

"Heavenly Father, 'the entrance of thy word giveth light.'

Lord, Jesus Christ, Word of God incarnate, thank you for spreading your word through the written Gospels.

Holy Spirit of God, who 'spake through the prophets,' thank you for breathing out the holy Scriptures through those prophets and your apostles.

Lord God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—thank you for the Bible.

We pray to you today from this remarkable Museum of the Bible, a memorial to your written Word, a preserver and perpetuator of your written Word, a testimony of your written Word. Please bless this place and make its mission fruitful.

Thank you for your gracious work, over the centuries, to call believers to preserve and teach the Bible, to equip believers to translate the Bible, so that people of all nations and tongues might read it and believe.

We English-speakers thank you for those who, sometimes at dire cost, gave us your word in our own language.

Today we especially thank you for bringing the Bible to the Tampuan people in Northeast Cambodia. Thirty years ago they had no witness of the Good News, no Bible in their language, a language not yet even reduced to writing.

Thank you for the team you called to do the great project of translating the Bible into the Tampuan language:

For calling JD and Kim Crowley to Ratanakiri to begin this great project;

For calling Andrew and Tanuja Carson to accomplish the translation of the New Testament;

For calling Jon and Kristen Smedley to continue the project in the translation of the Hebrew Scriptures of the Old Testament.

Please bear fruit from this work that you have so far blessed.

Heavenly Father, for the Tampuan people—and for all of us—we pray that you would grant us so to hear the Scriptures, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast to the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen."