

Is there still a need for
Bible translation?

Of the **6,912** languages in the world:

- only **429** have complete Bibles
- **1,144** have New Testaments
- **4,486** are without a single book of the Bible in their language



The goal of Bibles International is a conservative translation in every tongue, a Bible in every hand.

Bibles International is currently working on **39** projects in **14** countries.

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“Translation is that which
openeth the window,
to let in **the light**
that breaketh the shell,
that we may eat **the kernel**,
that putteth aside the
curtain, that we may look
into **the most Holy place**;
that removeth
the cover of the well,
that we may come by
the water.”

from the King James Translators’
“Preface to the Reader”

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Bibles International is the Bible society of Baptist Mid-Missions. For more than twenty-five years, Bibles International has spearheaded the efforts of Baptist Mid-Missions in translation, literacy, and Scripture in use. Bibles International works with national believers around the world to translate the Bible for those who have no or inadequate Scriptures. In addition, since a Bible is useful only to those who can read it, Bibles International works to develop literacy programs in conjunction with translation projects.



Bibles International publications

What is a translation consultant?

The goal of Bibles International is to produce Bibles that are both faithful to the original text and natural in the language of the people. To this end, Bibles International works with national believers who translate the Bible into their own language. This ensures that the translation doesn't sound stilted or unnatural. Once a portion of Scripture has been translated, a consultant trained in Biblical languages checks the translation against the original Greek or Hebrew text. This ensures that the translation accurately reflects what God originally said.

Kim Hibbard was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. Her family moved from Hawaii while she was still a toddler, living in the Carolinas and Costa Rica before settling in Fort Pierce, Florida. Her parents presented the gospel to their two daughters from their very earliest years. Toward the end of kindergarten, Kim began to recognize her need of a Savior, and one evening Kim's mother led her to the Lord.

Kim began attending her church's small Christian school as a first grader and graduated from it in 1993. After high school, she attended Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art, with a minor in Spanish. She continued her education at BJU with a Master of Science in Counseling.

From an early age, Kim had a strong interest in the work of missions in general and in the field of Bible translation in particular. Following the completion of her Master of Science degree, Kim spent a year as a missionary home-school teacher in Puerto Rico, where she gained valuable experience in missionary life. When, shortly after her return from Puerto Rico, she heard about a new graduate program in Bible translation offered by Bob Jones University, she eagerly enrolled, earning both a Master of Arts degree and a Specialist's degree in Bible translation. These courses, combined with the experience of a translation internship in Asia with Bibles International, confirmed to Kim that God

would have her serve Him in the field of Bible translation.

Kim's ministry experience includes her year in Puerto Rico, where she helped with a church plant along with her home-schooling responsibilities, and the translation internship in India, where she gained hands-on experience in the work of Bibles International. Most recently she has worked as the financial secretary at the Christian school she attended as a child. In addition, Kim teaches a ladies' Sunday school class and works in the children's church at her sending church.

Kim was appointed as a missionary with Baptist Mid-Missions in August of 2007. She will be working as a translation consultant based on a foreign field where she will have the opportunity to work with several translation projects. In this way, she will be able to use her training to help bring God's Word to a number of groups, not to just a single language.



Translation checking in Asia