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Breaking New Ground for the Gospel

There are nearly 7,000 languages in the world — 2100 of which have no portion of the Bible. SOW International is committed to providing the resources necessary to translate, publish and distribute the Word of God among those who have never had it in their language.

Currently SOW is involved in 9 Scripture related projects — most of which are Bibles, New Testaments and Scripture portions. Other projects include Bible storybooks for children, curriculum and evangelism tools. All of SOW's

projects are focused in areas where the population is predominately Muslim, Buddhist or Hindu. Most of SOW's work is located in high-risk countries where access to the Bible is highly restricted.

SOW is raising awareness of the need for these Scriptures and is helping to fund

their production and distribution. SOW's priority is to provide the Scriptures for those who have never had it and those with little or no access to the Word of God.

Ongoing Opportunities

The following is what God has allowed SOW to accomplish within the last year:

- **30,000 Bengali Gospels have been printed.**

Another 20,000 are currently in production. These books are being distributed among Muslim populations throughout India and Central Asia. 600,000 of these books have been requested.



- **Nearly 4,000 children's Bibles have been produced and distributed in the**

Middle East and the Persian-speaking world. This is part of an ongoing effort that has placed nearly 2 million Bibles into this region.



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- **SOW dedicated the newly translated New Testament in the Boro language.**



Over 50,000 people witnessed the event at the annual Boro Baptist Convention in Assam, India. This long-anticipated New Testament is currently being printed for this unreached people group of more than 9 million in northern India.

- **5,000 Boro New Testaments are currently in production.**



Printing will be complete and distribution should begin in the next six months.

Phil Disney, SOW International's President and Executive Director, states, "God has opened a tremendous door of opportunities and responsibilities for SOW. He is allowing us to participate in some extremely strategic projects. One can only imagine what God will continue to do through us if we remain faithful and generous."



"The seed is the word of God." - Luke 8:11

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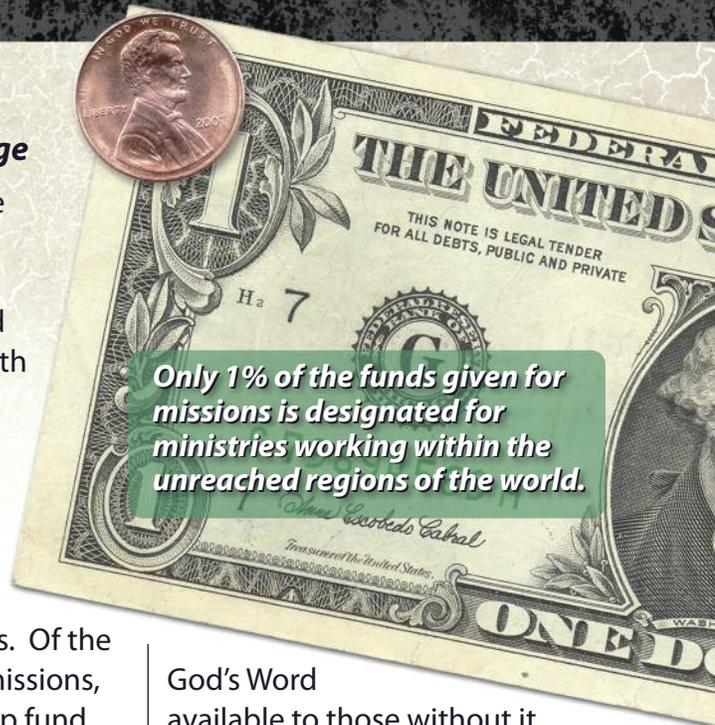


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The Strategic Challenge

Over one-third of the world's population has never heard the Gospel (over 2 billion people) and less than 10% of the North American missionary force is working in these unevangelized areas. In addition, for every dollar collected in American churches, 96 cents stays in the United States. Of the 4 cents that is used for missions, 87% is designated to help fund ministries working with people who are already Christian and 12% for work among non-believers who live in areas where God's Word and the Gospel is available. **Only 1% of the funds given for missions is designated for ministries working within the unreached regions of the world.**

SOW's purpose is to see the Gospel take root and disciples made within these unreached regions. This process will fail, however, without the authority of God's Word planted in the soil of faith. Providing the Scriptures in the heart language of the people is the critical first step. The great challenge we have as 21st century believers, therefore, is to make



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God's Word available to those without it. Unfortunately, millions have never heard it, read it, or experienced it in their own language.

In response, Disney offers this challenge, "When it comes to providing God's Word to those without it, there are no options— only a task to accomplish. It's going to take those of us who possess the Word of God, to focus our efforts,

our prayers, and our resources on those who don't. We CAN do better. We MUST do better. Lives are depending on it!" 🙏

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