

The 'Jesus' Film Has Been Translated Into Its 1,000th Language

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The most translated and widely distributed film in history is not a Hollywood blockbuster. It's a two-hour docudrama called *Jesus*. The film, which chronicles Christ's life based on the Gospel of Luke, recently announced the completion of its 1,000th language translation. This milestone enables the film to reach more than 1 million Indian people, whose "heart language" is Ho. "Our goal is to reach every nation, tribe, people and tongue, helping them see and hear the story of Jesus in a language they can understand," the film's Web site stated. "So whether a person speaks Swahili, French or a language whose name is extremely difficult for most to pronounce, he or she will encounter the life and message of Jesus in a language 'of the heart.'" First produced by Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) in 1979, the film has since spread through out the world and touched the lives of an estimated 6 billion people. In the small country of Papua New Guinea, an estimated 165,000 people have prayed the prayer of salvation as a result of watching the docudrama. CCC plans to continue to translate the film in to other languages focusing their efforts on languages spoken by more than 100,000 people. "It's a testimony of God's faithfulness," says John Meyer, one of the films translators. "Those 1,000 languages mean that over 90 percent of the people in the world can hear, in their own language, the greatest story ever told."