

Persecution Ignites New Desire to Share the Word in Nigeria

Over recent years, the Christian population of Nigeria has been subject to some horrific persecution, mostly at the hands of Islamic radicals. Estimates of those slaughtered by the vicious Fulani herdsmen runs into the thousands. But despite the bloodshed and political turmoil, the Christian community continues to thrive, with organizations working on the ground to ensure the word of God is proliferated right across this bustling West African nation.

Biblical translator Wycliffe Associates is one of these groups working with local pastors to translate the Bible into 250 different dialects so that thousands upon thousands more Nigerians can enjoy the word of God.

“Despite the challenges the Christians are facing they actually are emboldened... and strengthened in their faith and seeing that the real changes that need to take place within their communities and within their nation are spiritual changes,” Wycliffe’s CEO, Bruce Smith, said in a statement, as reported by Premier News. “They see Scripture in the local languages as a key element in bringing truth and bringing light into the darkness and changing the perspective of people in their own country.” {eo}

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