

Every Man Heard Them Speak In Their Own Language

Acts 2:6

Of the 3,000 men saved and baptized on the Day of Pentecost, perhaps half or more could not have understood the gospel the day before. That was because no Christian could present it in the language they understood, be they Parthians, Medes, Elamites or dwellers of Mesopotamia, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Cyrene, Rome, Crete or Arabia. The first gift of the Holy Spirit was the miracle that unlettered men of Galilee could proclaim the gospel by speaking all these languages and more without even a trace of an accent. The Gospel meant life, in most cases, only to those who could hear and understand it in their own language.

On most of the mission fields of the world, much less than 1% of the people are born-again Christians. Practically speaking, the only hope the great majority have of knowing Christ is to receive the message in their own language. CSI is under a global gospel mandate and that means our disciple-making effort must stretch out to reach new or under-reached languages. In Yakutia, we are told CSI literature is the only Christian Bible teaching literature in their unique language. This explains their great delight in having it and using it. In Russia and China, with their many millions of people, our children's literature is the only such literature many Christians have ever seen. Even in Moldova and Romania, Christians express great excitement over the usefulness of our gospel tools made in their languages. "It is so simple, so easy to teach," we are told again and again. "Even children can teach it," and they do! It is so simply Biblical that it transcends culture—unlike much more sophisticated American literature, written for the American audience.

We are only a small organization yet, but we are now able to bless 2 ½ billion people with the Gospel through our literature arsenal, published in their heart languages. This opens up to us and to our successors great and receptive mission fields. Like the disciples on the day of Pentecost, we have the world before us. Every new language we use widens our field of mission. CSI is spreading rapidly in this regard through the enlistment of highly gifted nationals who, with very little investment on our part, are producing every week new materials in languages where the people have been spiritually deaf for lack of hearing the Good News in their own language. The results are no less than thrilling, and we are just beginning to move!



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I and other members of our Bible study group like the courses. Some people can't read. We were faced with problems not only in reading, but also in understanding what we have read and understanding of Bible Truth. I think that these courses are appropriate to us as they enable us to grow, particularly me as a minister. They do not take much time for preparation. So I can do my studies and prepare to do sermons. We are grateful to you for these courses and hope to use them in further work.