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Almost 7,000 languages are spoken across the globe. Roughly 2,250 of these languages have no part of the Bible in their language. This equates to more than 300 million people. Wycliffe Bible Translators has a vision that, alongside their partners, by 2025 a Bible translation programme will have begun in every remaining language.

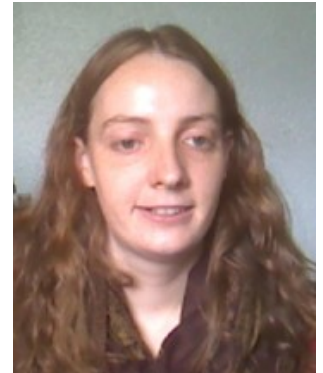
The Bible is an invaluable resource to all Christians, but the work of Wycliffe does not only enable people to read the Bible in their own language. Many of the languages in which Wycliffe is working have not been written down before, meaning a writing system must be created, and people must be taught literacy skills. This written form of the language, alongside adequate literacy skills, then allows people to read and understand healthcare instructions in their own language for the first time.



But what does any of this have to do with me, or with Indonesia?

On 2 July I will be travelling to Kalimantan, the Borneo part of Indonesia, with a team of five people. We will spend a month with one of Wycliffe's partners, a local Bible translation organisation. Indonesia is a huge country, home to more than 250 million people, where more than 700 languages are spoken. The organisation we are visiting is currently preparing materials for Luke in the Ngaju language. As well as witnessing the translation work in the local Churches, we may be involved with preparing Sunday School material, helping with workshops for local youth leaders, producing literacy materials, finding ways to best use this new resource, and participating in small group Bible studies.

The Bible: the story everybody needs.



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Please pray

for our safety in July as we travel out

for team unity (thanks to the volcano we haven't yet had the chance to all meet up!)

for good health for the whole team

for those in Indonesia who are preparing to receive us

for communication - that we will all be able to learn a bit of the national language before we go