

# Chronicle

A newsletter of The Word for the World UK 2017

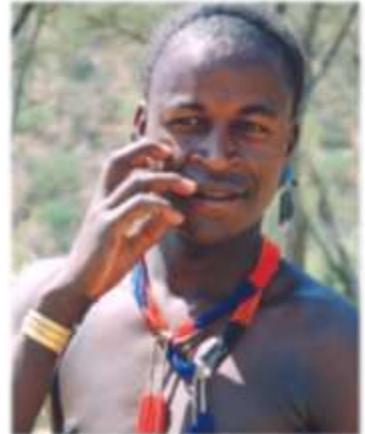


## Unsung heroes for the Maale in Ethiopia

Ten thousand Maale people gathered on 10 July 2016 to celebrate their first Bible ever, in their own language of 100,000 speakers.

Kobus and Janet Van As have achieved the impossible through God's help. In 1995 they arrived in Ethiopia with two small children, a few suitcases, and barely one month's support.

They settled among the remote stone-age Maale people, building their own village house, to start the Maale Bible translation with *The Word for the World*. Just over 20 years later 15,000 copies of the Bible have been published.....but that's not all.



They have had a hand in a further 19 Bible translations in Ethiopia, and fifty in SE Asia. They are true pioneers, with amazing faith, but training and empowering nationals has been the secret of their success.

## An ever expanding training programme



Our training department had the busiest year ever in 2016. Regine Koroma, our UK-based International Director of training, and her teams trained 353 students in fifteen training events in five countries. Training was in Ethiopia (80 students), India (209), Myanmar (8), Slovakia (6) and Zambia (48).

Students came from 14 different countries and we now have 178 graduates of TWFTW's Diploma in Bible translation. Our students and graduates represent 130 (formerly) Scripture-less languages.

### Training consultants

At present, we have ten students (from Ethiopia, Tanzania, Zambia, Slovakia and India) enrolled for post-graduate studies with the *South African Theological Seminary – SATS*. TWFTW provides academic supervision for the students pursuing Master's and Doctoral studies.



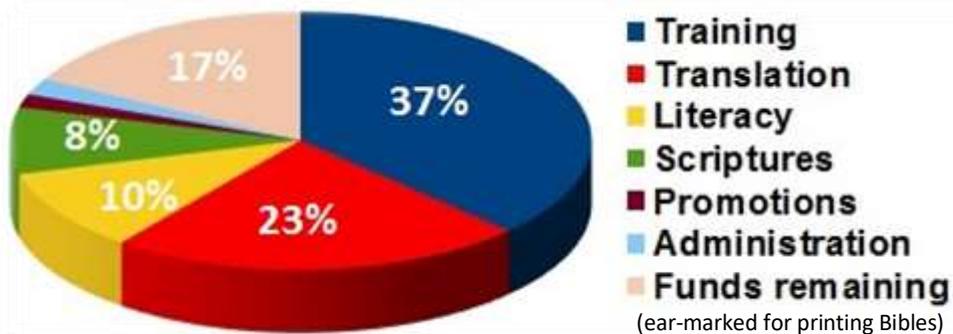
We also have an internship-based mentorship program for consultants-in-training (CIT) who have necessary academic qualifications but need practical experience. Experienced consultants, like Barry Funnell, mentor CITs on each consultant trip.

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## 2016 income and expenditure

Our TWFTW UK income was £51,079 in 2016, as compared with £37,935 in 2015.

This was spent as follows:



## Lambya New Testament launched



What a great day was April 21<sup>st</sup> for John Kadalinga and his Lambya translation team! This was John's second NT launch. Ten years previously he was the lead translator for the Sena Bible which was launched on the Southern tip of Malawi.

On the very day of the launch of the Sena Bible, John said, "How can I stay among my Sena people and enjoy the luxury of a Bible, when my Lambya brothers don't yet have a verse of scripture!" John uprooted his family and relocated by bus 700 miles to the northern tip of Malawi. He recruited, trained and has lead the Lambya team since 2005. By 2018 the full Lambya Bible will be checked and ready for publishing.

TWFTW UK has been funding this project and the 65 Lambya literacy centres.

# Become part of our team to reach nations



*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." Mt 24.35*

- Would you like to go on a trip to share God's Word, distribute scripture and show the Jesus film to one of our **105 Bible translation projects**?
- Do you have a Master's degree in Theology and would like to do short, or long term checking of the accuracy of Bible translations on the field?
- Would you like to enrol in our Diploma in Bible translation and help to oversee projects and train nationals to be Bible translators?

Please contact us for more information at [admin-uk@twftw.org](mailto:admin-uk@twftw.org).

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