

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
OFFICE OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
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October 9, 2017

To: General Authorities and selected Area Seventies; Stake, Mission, District, and Temple Presidents; Bishops and Branch Presidents

(To be read in sacrament meeting)

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Approved Scripture Translation Projects

A number of scripture translation projects have been approved and are currently in various phases of the translation process. Such projects typically require several years of careful work with the scripture texts.

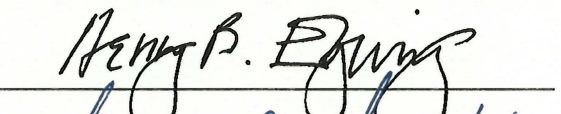
To allow members earlier access to scripture translations, it has been determined that as translations proceed, completed portions can be released in sequence from time to time. These sequential portions, although not considered final until the full translation is completed, will be made available on LDS.org and in the Gospel Library mobile application. Additional information on the approved languages and the implementation of this new process are noted in the attached document.

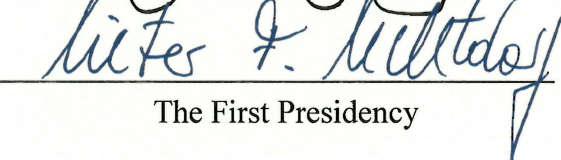
We encourage members to use the scriptures in regular personal and family study and in Church meetings and assignments. As members prayerfully learn and teach from the scriptures, their testimonies will grow and they will receive greater direction in their daily lives.

We ask members and leaders to continue using the current translations of the Articles of Faith, sacrament prayers, and baptismal prayer until new translations are complete.

Sincerely yours,







The First Presidency

This letter is being translated and will be distributed to units identified as Afrikaans, Amharic, Arabic, Bislama, Burmese, Efik, Georgian, Greek, Hiligaynon, Hindi, Hmong, Lao, Lingala, Malay, Navajo, Persian, Pohnpeian, Polish, Serbian, Sesotho, Setswana, Sinhala, Slovak, Slovenian, Tahitian, Tamil, Telugu, Tok Pisin, Tshiluba, Turkish, Twi, Urdu, and Yoruba. If leaders need this letter in languages not listed above, they may contact the Area Presidency. Area leaders can forward requests to the Priesthood and Family Department at ext. 2-2933.

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Currently Approved New Scripture Translation Projects

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Following are the new scripture translation projects that have been approved by the Council of the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve over the last several years. These projects are currently in various phases of translation. Reviewed sequential portions will begin to be released digitally beginning on November 30, 2017, in select languages. Additional languages will be released over the next several months. As translations are fully completed, with the necessary reviews and approvals, the earlier sequential portions will be replaced by final versions, with printed editions to follow.

The Book of Mormon

Burmese ¹	Georgian ^{1,2}	Pohnpeian ¹	Tshiluba
Efik ¹	Navajo ¹	Sesotho ¹	

Triple Combination of the Scriptures

American Sign Language	Hiligaynon	Polish ²	Tamil ²
Afrikaans ²	Hindi	Serbian ²	Telugu
Amharic	Hmong ²	Setswana	Tok Pisin
Arabic	Lao ²	Sinhala	Turkish
Bislama	Lingala	Slovak ²	Twi
Greek	Malay ²	Slovenian ²	Urdu
	Persian	Tahitian	Yoruba

Scriptures are available in the following number of languages:

The Holy Bible: 3 languages in LDS editions, 95 languages in preferred non-LDS editions

The Book of Mormon: 90 languages

Selections from the Book of Mormon: 21 languages

The Doctrine and Covenants and the Pearl of Great Price: 58 languages

¹ The approval for these translations also includes the triple combination of the scriptures.

² Translations that are nearing completion or are being updated will be published when they are finished and not before.