



# Lutheran Bible Translators

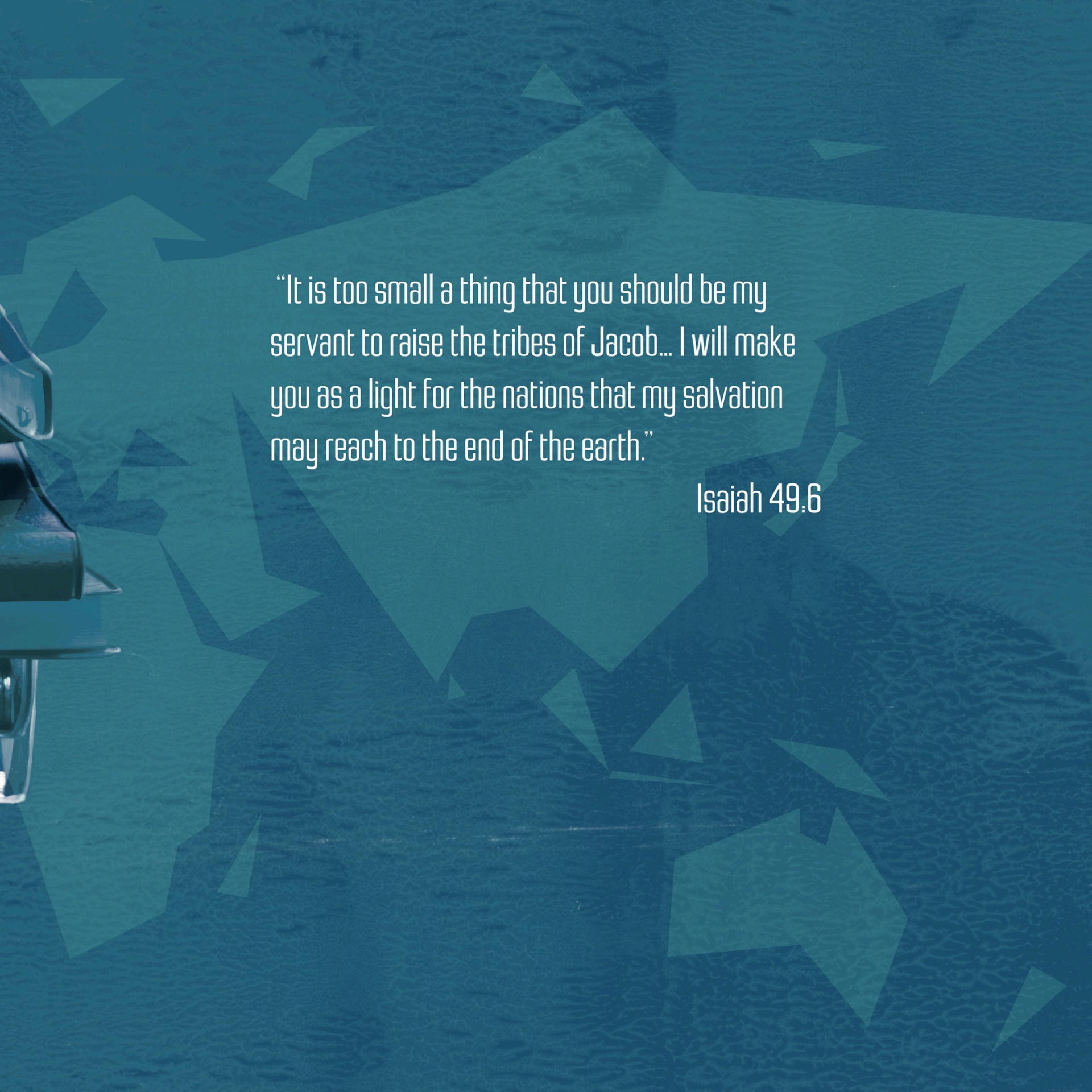
MORE THAN  
WORDS



A person is holding a dark blue Bible with gold lettering. The Bible's cover text includes 'KING JAMES VERSION' and 'THE HOLY BIBLE'. The person's hand, adorned with a ring, is visible. The background is a blurred rural scene with a herd of cattle and trees.

# THE CAMPAIGN FOR SCRIPTURE IMPACT





“It is too small a thing that you should be my  
servant to raise the tribes of Jacob... I will make  
you as a light for the nations that my salvation  
may reach to the end of the earth.”

Isaiah 49.6



God's Word changes everything!

The Bible is more than words. It is the story of our redemption and salvation.

Many have not yet heard!

They do not have the Bible in words they understand.

This campaign invites you into the story. It is the story of the Word moving into remote language communities through their own languages.

Prayerfully consider how you might be a part of this story.

Put God's Word  
in their hands!

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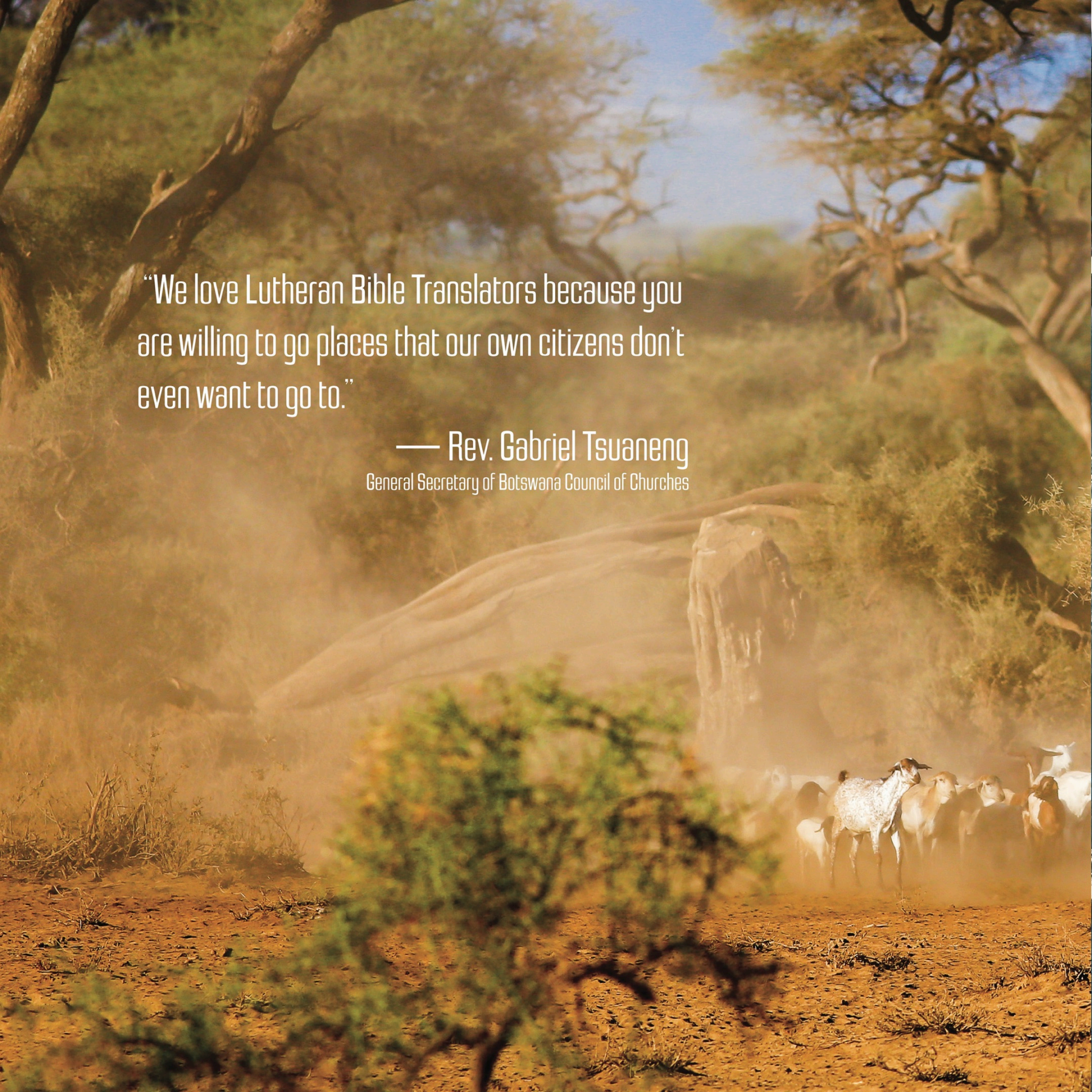




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**PUT GOD'S WORD  
IN THEIR HANDS**



A herd of cattle is running through a dusty savanna landscape. The ground is dry and brown, and the air is filled with a thick cloud of dust kicked up by the animals. In the background, there are several acacia trees with their characteristic flat-topped canopies. A large, light-colored rock formation or cliff face is visible in the distance. The overall scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

“We love Lutheran Bible Translators because you  
are willing to go places that our own citizens don’t  
even want to go to.”

— Rev. Gabriel Tsuaneng  
General Secretary of Botswana Council of Churches




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**THE BIBLE IS MORE THAN WORDS.** Bible translation is the story of God and His Word moving in the world through its many languages.

In remote language communities, often the only 'major book' will be the Bible. Whether Christian, Muslim, or a follower of other religions, all want to explore this book in their own words.

Of the world's more than 7000 languages, **less than half have Bible translations** available.

**PUT GOD'S WORD IN THEIR HANDS.**





**TRANSLATION IS MORE THAN WORDS.** Bible translation does not occur in isolation. It involves **highly motivated people**, including **financial partners, prayer partners, and local partners.**

The Bible in one's own language has an **impact** beyond that of a book of words. **God's Word brings the light of Christ as well as other benefits:** such as literacy, self-esteem, access to more information, solid educational foundation, ability to maintain records and build businesses, etc.

*More Than Words* is an urgent response to the need for **accelerated scripture impact.** This calls us to partner in **these three key impact areas.**



BIBLE TRANSLATION



\$43.9  
MILLION

GREATER CAPACITY



DEEPER ENGAGEMENT











**\$20.2 MILLION — BIBLE TRANSLATION** *More Than Words* calls for an **expansion of new Bible translation programs** and an increase in efficiencies for existing programs.

In collaboration with the *illumi*<sup>Nations</sup> movement to provide Bible access to all languages by 2033, *More Than Words* also calls for beginning new discussions with communities that are not yet aware that Christians want to give them direct access to God's Word.

With the goal of \$20.2 million, by 2024 we will:

**Increase impact from 72 to 144 language communities**

**Assess 132 additional language opportunities**

**Publish & distribute double  
the number of New Testaments**





"If Luther thought scripture was important  
500 years ago, what is stopping us now?"

— Kathy Helge  
Campaign Co-Chair





**\$18.5 MILLION — GREATER CAPACITY** *More Than Words* will assist partner organizations to generate greater capacity.

This ambitious plan calls for the **development of self-funding models** to reduce dependence on foreign financial assistance, **scholarships** for advanced degree work, and an **innovative training program** that equips leaders for the Bible translation movement.

With the goal of \$18.5 million, we will produce:

**77 translation advisors**

**30 translation consultants in training**

**6 doctoral scholarships**

**4 income generating infrastructure projects**

**15 missionary teams recruited and equipped**





*Apā Wachu Djawu Fougi*

VISION Banco

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**\$5.2 MILLION — DEEPER ENGAGEMENT** The Church has an urgent vision to equip her members.

*More Than Words* **doubles the capacity** by developing tools that **eliminate barriers to scripture access.**

With this goal, \$5.2 million will facilitate:

**11 scripture reprints**

**35 scripture distribution projects**

**48 literacy programs**

**Multiple projects in:**

- video production
- audio recordings
- app development





**GOD'S WORD IS MORE THAN WORDS.** God's Word changes the lives of individuals, communities and even nations. **The Bible tells the story of God's redemption for us.**

Whether financial partner, prayer partner, local or language partner, support staff or missionary, together we serve in a Bible translation story that **brings the light of God's Word to those who don't yet have it** – through their own words.

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LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS HAS IMPACTED COMMUNITIES IN

6

CONITINENTS

24

COUNTRIES

80+

LANGUAGES

MILLIONS MORE ARE WAITING

WILL YOU JOIN US?



**PARTNERS IN TRANSLATION.** Ten major Bible translation partners form the *illumiNations* alliance with a collective impact towards a far-reaching goal. By 2033,

- **95% of the world's population will have access to a full Bible**
- **99.9% will have access to at least a New Testament**
- **100% will have access to at least some portion of Scripture**

  
**illumiNations**  
*an alliance of Bible translation partners*



Deaf Bible  
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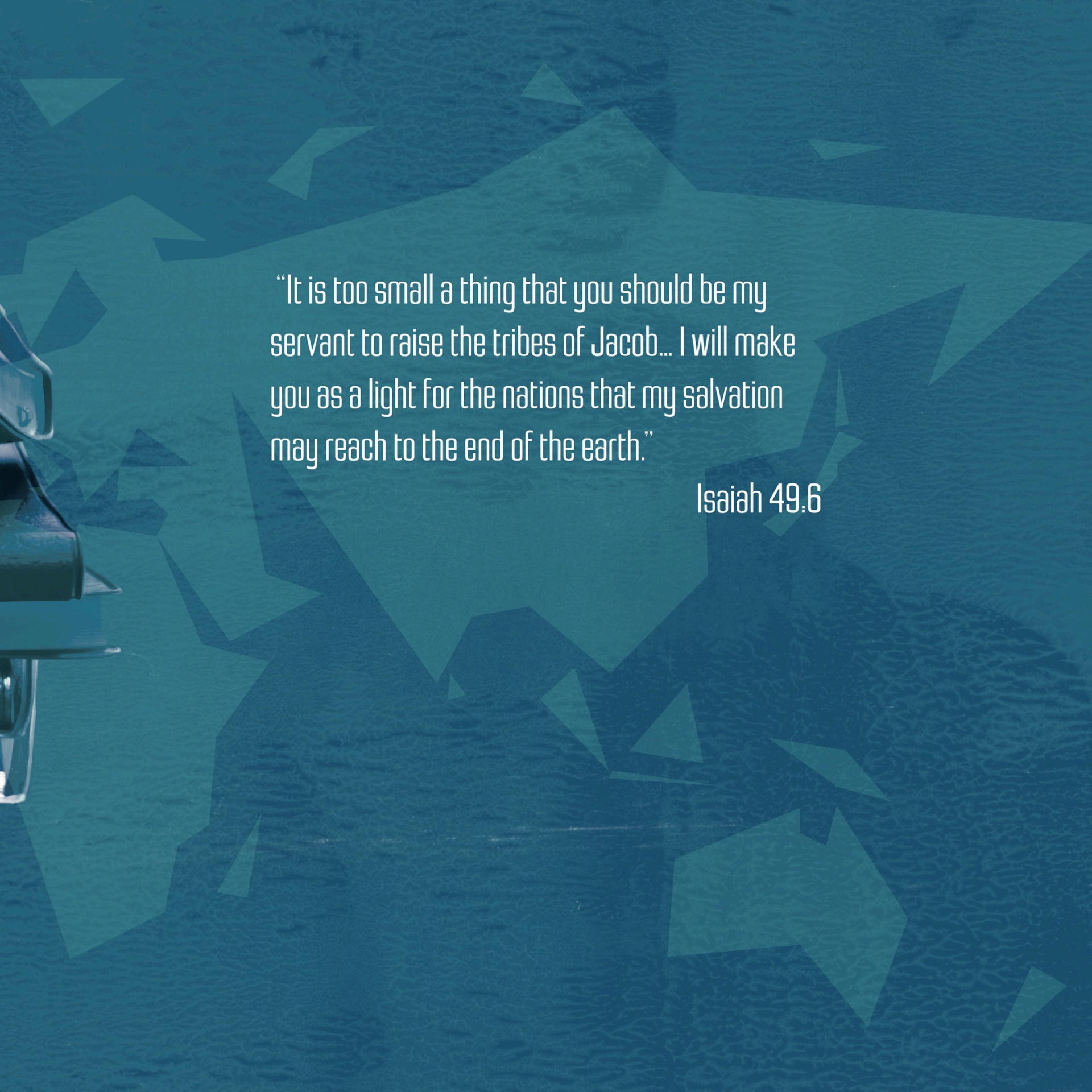


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