



## BIBLE TRANSLATION

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**Liberia**  
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**131,000**

### Bandi

### Bandi Old Testament Translation

#### PROGRESS

- Successful team checks of four Old Testament books.
- Work shifted from Monrovia to include rural Bandi voices.
- New translators from the rural Bandi community have begun their training.

#### PRAYERS

- Pray for growing unity between the urban and rural Bandi communities.
- Pray for the successful training of the new rural translators.
- Pray for the necessary resources for remaining translations and team checks.

The Bandi Old Testament Translation program made strides but required adaptation. The following books were successfully team-checked: Haggai, Job, 1 Samuel, and Daniel. As team checking progressed, a shift to include rural Bandi speakers in the review process added onboarding to the timeline.

The back-translation of Joshua and Job showed progress. In addition, two additional translators from Kolahun joined the team and needed training.

While moving to a more inclusive translation team meant added time to the project, there is increased confidence that the work will be considered a joint base translation.

Translation work is contextual; every community is different. Investing in deeper engagement is necessary. Ultimately, these communities should feel God's Word is for them. A joint base translation will instill ownership and pride in the final result.



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