

SIPHUTHI



Tucked in the mountains of Lesotho are the Siphuthi speaking people who have maintained their language and culture, despite the shifting cultures around them, and have been in desperate need of a Bible translation. Partnering with the Bible Society of Lesotho, translation work began in early 2019 and has been recognised and covered by national TV and radio stations. The Bible translation process has also given the language status with the government; it will be named the second national language of Lesotho.

Language: siPhuthi
People Group: ebaPhuthi
People Group Size: 43,000
Location: Lesotho and South Africa
Lifestyle: Subsistence farming

Translation Time-frame: October 2022 – September 2025
Completed in Phase 1: Oral Bible translation of 47 narratives from both the Old and New Testament
Translation Phase: 2
Translation Goals: Oral Bible translation of Genesis, Luke, Mark and Romans
Source Languages: Sesotho and English
Managing Partners: Wycliffe SA / Bible Society of Lesotho / Libhadla le baPhuthi

IMPACT

One of the translators, Mr Potsane Ndzuzo, said he was told it's not possible to translate God's Word in Siphuthi. After receiving an invitation to join the translation team, he said: 'So God can really hear Siphuthi and eBaphuthi? Isn't it great to observe that I have been heard?'

PRAYER

1. Praise God for the strength of this team and the progress they have made in translating God's Word.
2. Praise God for their involvement in Run for the Bibleless 2024 as the guest language team.
3. Pray that God continues to work through them to impact their communities and transform lives.

This translation has been adopted by:
NewLife Church Boksburg

No. people praying for this translation:

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