

Wycliffe South Africa Short-Term Mission Trips

Visit a Bible Translation

TYPES OF VISIT: (more details below...)

Love & Service	Celebration	Education
Community Support	Start or End of a Phase	Translation Workshop
Church & T-Team Support	Dedication Event	
Scripture Engagement	Run for the Bibleless	

ELEMENTS OF ANY TRIP (where possible):

Experiencing the Culture	Relationship Building	Prayer-Walking
Taste the food	Meet the local team	Walk the streets
Visit the market-place	Meet their families	Pray over the translation rooms and buildings
Visit a local home	Attend the local church	

ELEMENTS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF VISIT:

Love & Service

Alongside the standard elements of a trip, this type of visit will involve serving the language community, the church and/or the translation team (t-team). There are many possibilities for this kind of trip, depending on the needs of the community and the skills and abilities of your mission team. Here are some examples of possible areas of service:

Community Support	Church & T-Team Support	Scripture Engagement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agricultural ● Financial ● Medical ● Practical (e.g. painting) ● 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kids ministry ● Practical (e.g. painting) ● Prayer ministry ● Healing ministry ● 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Training for the t-team ● Hosting listening groups ● Door-to-door visits ●

Celebration

This type of visit will revolve around an event in the language community, and will also include the standard elements of a trip as mentioned above. There are several occasions that you could either be involved in or spectate:

Start or End of a Phase	Dedication Event	Run for the Bibleless
The community celebrates the arrival of God's Word into their language through the start or completion of translation work that has been selected for that 3-4year phase.	The community comes together to celebrate receiving God's Word and to dedicate it as a people group. This type of event usually includes the distribution of audio or written Scripture.	An event where people run (or cycle or walk) to raise awareness and support for Bibleless people groups. This will take place in Joburg each year around June/July, as well as in many of the areas where Bible translation is taking place.

Education

An opportunity to be present during a translation workshop. The team will be working hard, usually for 1 or 2 weeks, so you will not be present at every moment of the workshop so as not to get in the way or be a distraction.

Instead, along with the standard elements of a trip as mentioned above, you will get to:

- Witness different aspects of the translation process in action
- Learn about the translation process and all that is involved
- Meet the wider team including the translation consultant
- Join the translation team for meals, times of devotion and down-time

If you are interested in taking a team on a short-term mission trip, please complete this form and someone from Wycliffe will be in touch:

bit.ly/language-group-trip-form

Logistics & Training

WHAT YOU DO:	WHAT WSA OFFERS: (optional)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Confirm the type of visit ■ Find participants ■ Choose the dates ■ Draw up a budget ■ Arrange travel ■ Arrange accommodation ■ Plan the food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Advice about visit types ■ Advice for travel and accommodation ■ A team to visit your church (virtually or in person) ■ Training for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Making and managing a budget ○ Setting up a menu ○ Testimony-giving ○ Prayer-walking ○ Oral Bible storytelling and listening groups ○ Scripture Engagement
WSA REQUIREMENTS:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Coordination of dates and locations ■ Mission basics training – or suggestions for more expansive mission training ■ Cultural training – specific to the language group you will visit ■ Cultural advice – what is culturally acceptable or preferred by the community, which may impact your travel, accommodation and/or food plans ■ Commissioning event shortly before the trip ■ Time to debrief and discuss next steps following the trip ■ Someone from Wycliffe, or someone related to the language group, to go with you 	

WHAT WSA DOES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Liaise with the translation team and local church where you will visit ■ Make connections between your chosen ambassador and the translation coordinator or impact partner where you will visit ■ Identify a local guide for the entirety of your trip, and a translator where necessary

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