



SiPhuthi is a cross-border language spoken in South Africa and Lesotho. In South Africa, SiPhuthi is not an official language but is protected under the Bill of Rights as one of the languages spoken by communities in the country. In Lesotho, the government announced in mid 2020 that SiPhuthi together with a few other languages spoken in the country, will be recognized as an official language.

Due to the absence of Scripture materials in SiPhuthi, BaPhuthi use Scriptures available in the dominant languages around them. Most BaPhuthi use SeSotho and isiXhosa Scriptures, depending on where they are located and the dominant language in the area they live.

## Ways to Pray

- BaPhuthi have been waiting for a long time for their language to be recognized by the government. Please Pray that the leaders in government will have wisdom to advocate for recognition of Siphuthi as an official language. This will enable meaningful change in the lives of the Baphuthi, including the development of the language to teach children in school.
- Please also Pray that the already produced oral Scripture portions to reach BaPhuthi in and out of churches.
- As this phase of the project is coming to a close, please Pray for wisdom as we look at the future of the project.
- Our venture partner, the Bible Society of Lesotho, will have a transition in its leadership with effect from 1 January 2021. Please Pray that God would give the new leader wisdom to lead the organization well, and to also work well with the Board of Directors.
- Pray for courage and comfort for the Siphuthi translators who have lost two team members to Covid-19.

## SIPHUTHI - Lesotho



**The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!**

**Matthew 13:23**