



**Annual Report  
2025**

# From the Interim Executive Director



**Hello, Friends. Or as we say in Norway: Hei!**

As interim Executive Director for the Wycliffe Global Alliance, I am pleased to share with you the Alliance's 2025 Annual Report. We all acknowledge, of course, that much has happened both in the world and among the Alliance Leadership Team and Board since the end of calendar year 2025.

As we work together to set our strategic direction, and as we launch the search for our new Executive Director, it is also appropriate that we look back on 2025—a year long anticipated among Bible translation movements. Vision 2025 was introduced a quarter century ago, and it includes this statement: We embrace the vision that by the year 2025 a Bible translation project will be in progress for every people group that needs it.

Some Alliance organisations focused intently on Vision 2025 as a goal, and numerically it was very nearly attained. God has led, and blessed, Bible translation movements in ways we never imagined. His Word has reached multitudes in the languages they know best, and we are seeing the resulting transformation of individuals, communities, even nations.

For others in the Alliance—especially organisations and churches that joined after 1999—Vision 2025 has served as exactly that, an inspiring vision. What would it look like for God's church, in our contexts, to embrace this incredible opportunity to take part in this global movement?

For all of us, Vision 2025 continues to unite us in many ways. It affirms God's calling and leading as we embrace Bible translation as his mission for his church. We are united in the desire for all people everywhere to have access to, and to engage with, and ultimately be transformed by, God's Word.

With those thoughts as a backdrop, I invite you to peruse this Annual Report as a marker of what God has already done in our midst. You will read about his work in each of the Alliance's geographic areas: Africa, the Americas, Asia-Pacific and Europe. Note his unique ways of working in different cultures. But also note the collaboration happening across traditional boundaries—cultural, geographic, political and more. This is the continuing legacy of Vision 2025 as part of *missio dei*, the mission of God. What an honor and privilege to serve with you.

Together in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Agnes Lid". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Agnes Lid

Interim Executive Director

# Area Reports

*For this year's annual report, we asked Alliance area directors to highlight developments in any of these three major areas of attention: Vision 2025, Bible translation and the church, and future sustainability. Rather than group their responses by geographic area, we have organised them into those three categories on the following pages. There is, of course, some overlap from category to category.*



**Wairimu Irungu**

Africa Area Director

**Kenya**



**Dr David Cárdenas**

Americas Area Director

**Colombia**



**Ruben Dubei**

Europe Area Director

**Romania**



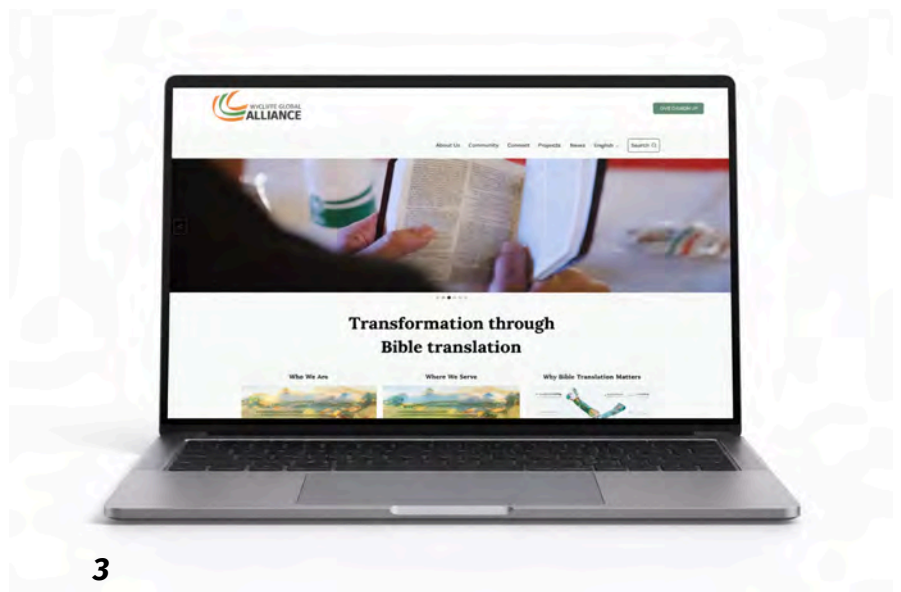
**Nicky Chong**

Asia-Pacific Area Director

**Singapore**

# New Website

A brand-new version of [wycliffe.net](http://wycliffe.net) launched in 2025, featuring new and revised content, improved navigation and easy ways to broaden participation by helping to promote and fund Alliance projects.



## Vision 2025

**How are Alliance organisations applying principles learned from Vision 2025, and how they are adjusting for future ministry?**

### Africa

We are grateful to God for the year 2025 as we reflect on what God has done in Africa, celebrate the impact of Vision 2025 and look forward to the future of Bible translation.



### Americas

#### From Wycliffe USA:

The resolution that was penned in 1999 to give shape to Vision 2025 outlined five strategic themes: urgency, partnership, capacity building, creative strategies and sustainability. Since then, God has led Wycliffe USA through major changes in each of these areas as we've learned to work and partner in new ways to advance our mission, including using new technologies, investing in others through training, expanding our partnerships, reallocating our human and financial resources for greater impact, supporting local church ownership and more. These themes continue to drive our efforts and will into the future, as we don't want to risk missing out on the incredible ways God is moving today around the world – and how he's calling us to participate.

#### From Letra Paraguay:

Vision 2025 has essentially been our guiding course since our beginning in 2001. The power of that vision has driven us and sustained us, and as we have embraced the vision of "Zero Need by 2033," we have seen that Vision 2025 was a prophetic vision—one that pointed not so much to a specific year, but to the reality of bringing God's Word to all peoples in this generation.

Whether the year is 2025 or 2033 does not change the intention that the Bible be available to all the peoples of the earth—and we are part of this story!

## The church

**How is the Alliance community understanding and implementing Bible translation as the church's ministry?**

### Africa

#### **Collaborating with the church, with prayer as the focal point**

A panoramic overview of the collaboration between the church in Africa and Alliance organisations emerges from the facts that compel us to pause and express our gratitude to God. Across Africa, Alliance organisations highly value the work of Bible translation done with the church. In May 2025, the Streams of Prayer on the church was well nourished by testimonies and prayer topics about this collaboration between Alliance organisations and churches. Some examples:

In Burkina Faso, ANTBA is governed by the Federation of Evangelical Churches and Missions. As in the Central African Republic, ACATBA recognises itself as the daughter of the evangelical churches in CAR. This is evident in the life of the organisation. In Ghana, with GILLBT, as the primary end-users of Scripture engagement, the church plays a crucial role in ensuring that translated Scriptures are embraced, understood and lived out within communities. This is also why in Nigeria, NBTT has been



intentionally mobilising the church toward active participation and ownership of Bible translation efforts. In Kenya, BTL has a strong and lasting partnership with the church. It has lasted for years and is evident in mutually beneficial collaboration, not only in sharing strategies, but also in prayer.

In Cameroon, CABTAL is known as a movement of churches and communities. This is seen through the partnership in which they enjoy serving together. The church is central in the ministry of Bible translation in Cameroon. CABTAL offers various training courses to numerous Inter Church Committees that lead translation programmes in the country. CABTAL teams preach about the mission of Bible translation in urban churches almost every Sunday, recruiting and sharing prayer resources to thousands of intercessors.

Wycliffe South Africa rejoices in the opportunity they have to serve the local church, not only where Bible translation programmes are taking place, but also in general. This was the case for an oral Bible storytelling workshop held in a church located in the second largest township in Johannesburg, which had a notable impact on the church leaders who took part.

In Ethiopia, we also find the same powerful and meaningful partnership with local churches. It is rooted in mutual support through prayer programmes, particularly in relation to the communities where Bible translation projects are being implemented. A good connection with local churches allows Wycliffe Ethiopia to receive their updates and pray for them consistently.

The Church and Alliance organisations in Africa enjoy open and beneficial collaboration in the exchange of services, training, mutual support and, above all, prayer. This was evident in 2025.

## Americas

### From spectators to active participants

Alliance organisations are participating with other partners in Brazil's national Bible translation roundtable, called the Pro Bible Translation Alliance. Its purposes include raising awareness and mobilising the Brazilian church, and seeking its engagement in the Bible translation movement. Bible translation promotional events were planned together with the direct involvement of the church. On 24-26 July, an event called The Bible for All People Groups was held in São Luís, Maranhão, Brazil. Church leaders of that region were involved in every step of the planning, and enthusiasm was high for each session.



At the closing session, the pastor at the church hosting the event said: 'As a church, we do not want to be merely spectators observing Bible translation. We want to actively participate! So we prayed for two young people to commit to go into Bible translation at this event, and God answered. During the week, two young people made the commitment to go to Southeast Asia in Bible translation.'

The cost of linguistics training (the ALEM course in Brasília) and travel were covered by the congregation by the end of that week.

## Asia-Pacific

### Deepening Alliance and church relationships

At the October Asia-Pacific Area Conference in Thailand, Indonesian Alliance leaders spent a day in deep listening to build trust as a basis for collaboration. The next day, leaders from the rest of the region along with invited Europe and Americas leaders joined the conference proper. One highlight was an intense discussion about the relationship between the church and the Alliance. 'Around the Table in God's Mission' was the theme. Based on feedback from participants, the conference fostered collaboration among participating partners as friends in the mission of God.

### Church and Bible translation collaboration movement

In November, the fourth Bible Translation Movement conference in Indonesia took place in Manado, Indonesia. This was the first time that a church-denomination Alliance organisation – PPA-GMIM (Pusat Penerjemahan Alkitab, Gereja Masahi Injili di Indonesia) hosted this significant conference focused on meeting the remaining Bible translation needs in Indonesia. Over 60 church and mission leaders from 28 denominations and agencies attended. The core committee of indigenous organisations facilitated the meetings. This movement is still in the early stages of strategising and coordinating for implementation. Praise God, a generation of young church leaders are catching the vision of collaboration in Bible translation in God's mission.

## Europe

### Area Gathering on church engagement

The Europe Area Gathering in June brought together leaders and practitioners to reflect on the theme European Organisations & Churches in Bible Translation Movements Today, focusing on the church's central role in Bible translation within the European context. Participants explored how Bible translation can be better understood and re-envisioned as a ministry of the church, grounded in a clear biblical and theological foundation. The gathering examined both the historical and current involvement of churches in Bible translation movements, offering insight into how these roles have developed over time. Significant attention was given to strengthening and rethinking relationships between Bible translation organisations and local churches. Overall, the gathering encouraged honest evaluation of current practices in order to more effectively support and serve the church in its Bible translation ministries.



## Future sustainability

### How are Alliance organisations and partnerships preparing for the next generation?

#### Africa

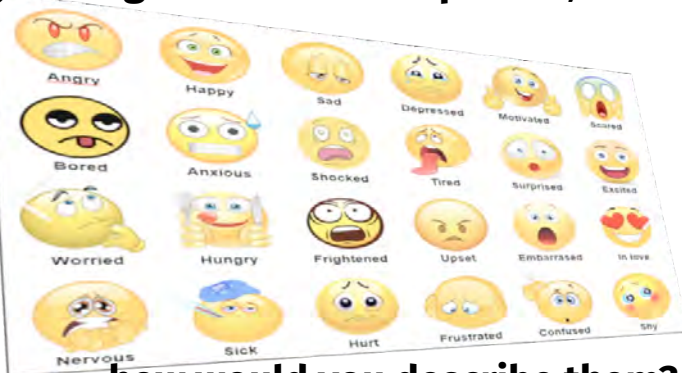
#### Organisational development through a missiological approach

Several 2025 meetings, seminars, workshops and mentoring events happened in the Africa Area, with great ripple impact. The Organisation Flourishing event sought to encourage leaders of the 12 participating organisations to consider their identity and uniqueness in the Bible translation movement as a way of stimulating them to seek relevant answers that make them more fruitful within their contexts. It was designed as a missiological discussion, helping organisations to see their unique contributions to the mission of God. The concept of an ecosystem and the particularity of subsystems within the ecosystem was the working metaphor through which different Alliance organisations in Africa saw themselves as part of an ecosystem, but each with uniqueness and thus distinct ways of collaboration.

Some of the questions asked included:

- How can barriers and challenges experienced within their particular context be mitigated and become a motivation for ministry rather than hindrances?
- How can we promote unity in the midst of our diversity without losing our originality?
- What needs to change in what we are doing in our organisations in order to make these organisations more fruitful?

**If your organisation was a person,**



**how would you describe them?**

Many of the leaders identified things within their context to build on in order to grow viable organisations. For example, ANTBA in Burkina Faso anchored on the Youth Immersion Program, a national program that seeks to impart a patriotic spirit to young people to help introduce mission and its necessity to youths in the churches of Burkina Faso through the organisation of youth camps. ACOTBA-SUBO in the Democratic Republic of Congo, known for its music, thought of using music to mobilise and build advocacy for Bible translation.

## Bible Translation Consultant Cohort

The Africa Translation Consultant Cohort, held in Cameroon in January 2025, sought to address the bottleneck around consultant development and recognition through finding pathways for the identification of potential consultants and consultant recognition and certification. We saw great enthusiasm on this topic. Great friendships have been formed not only by individual consultants but also by organisations looking for ways to accredit consultants either as individual organisations or as a group of organisations. There is ongoing peer mentoring and a strong sense of belonging. We have seen Alliance-ness grow as organisations identify with each other, their common destiny and the need to stand together in addressing this pertinent role in the translation activity. The 14 Alliance organisations that participated see themselves as belonging together.

## Looking forward: Sustainability of Bible translation in Africa through cohorts

In our contexts, a cohort is a space whereby those with a common goal and passion, experience, expertise and characteristics come together to share, brainstorm, collaborate and collectively forge forward Bible translation with the aim of seeing God's Word available and lives transformed.



**Example: Engaging the youth.** Various forums in the Africa Area and other meetings have provided feedback on how to engage the youth in Bible translation in preparation for the youth cohort. A major lesson is being intentional in engaging the youth. A challenge given by Pastor David Ewagata, founder of YHub Networks, is: 'We cannot pass the baton to the next generation without engaging the next generation!'

Psalm 145:4 (ESV) reads, 'One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.'



**Example: Engaging children with Scriptures**, a joint venture of Uncle Paul's Ark and Wycliffe Africa. The vision and call of Uncle Paul's Ark is 'A Billion Children for Christ'. This engages children with Scriptures through teaching God's Word, Scripture songs and memorizing Scripture. It uses animation, social media, and outreach in schools, churches and communities. One of key aspects is that children may remain an unreached people group when the Bible is translated into local languages but not further into a format that children can engage or understand.

**Example: A holistic approach to sustainable Bible translation through trauma healing, music and art.** A combination of music and trauma healing in the Sambla

and other ANTBA Bible translation programs in Burkina Faso has been creating deeper community engagement and long-term sustainability. Bible translation is much more than a simple linguistic task. This approach recognizes that communities carry wounds from economic impacts, displacements, loss, interethnic conflicts and familial trauma. All of these affect people's capacity to engage meaningfully with Scripture. By incorporating music as a therapeutic and common tool (ethnodoxology), the



project creates safe spaces where Sambla speakers can process pain, restore relationships and rebuild collective identity.

For example, songwriting workshops help transform Bible translation from an external intervention to a community-owned healing journey. Local music serves both as a culturally resonant tool and a mechanism for Scripture engagement, daily consumption and a bridge between individual healing and communal transformation. This makes the translation work inseparable from the community's broader journey toward wholeness.



## Americas

### 'God stirred the heart of a generation'

Hebert Bascur, director of Movida Latinoamérica:

'At Movida Internacional, across all of Latin America, efforts were intensified throughout 2025 to reach and mobilise young people toward Bible translation. This took place both at CIMA [youth mission mobilisation] congresses and through training workshops held in local churches, with the purpose of awakening a passion to bring God's Word to people who still do not have it. One example is CIMA Regional 2025, held

in Córdoba, Argentina. God stirred the heart of a generation. Participants participated in Bible translation workshops, heard the testimony of Bible translation missionaries, prayed for people without access to the Bible, and 1,800 young people renewed their commitment to missions.'



### Bible translation training model to reach the next generation

Module One of a new master's program developed by Bryan Harmelink (the Alliance Director for Collaboration) and YWAM's University of the Nations has been adapted into a four-day, in-person course using participatory methods. Key Brazil mission leaders believe that the next generation of Bible translation facilitators will come from seminaries/centers of training. This course is easy to include in seminaries and centers of training since it is a short course and the impact of the course has consistently resulted in participants being inspired about the importance of language and translation in the mission of God. On 20-24 October, the course was given at the Word of Life Institute in Belem, Brazil. The event organizer commented: 'It went



super well! The students just loved it.' The plan is to make this training part of the curriculum for students. This course is available in Spanish and has been implemented in various countries as well by Alliance organisations and Bible translation roundtables.

## Collaborating in the Mission of God

The Americas Area held a series of five sessions on collaborating in God's mission, aimed at leaders of organisations and the church, with Dr. Kirk Franklin (the former Alliance Executive Director) as guest facilitator. About 200 people participated in the five sessions. Topics covered were Biblical Foundations of

Collaboration, Theology of Collaboration, Creating and Sustaining Collaborative Ecosystems, Types and Frameworks for Collaboration, and Creating Collaborative Relationships.



## National Bible Translation and Scripture Use Roundtables (Mesas)

The second orientation for roundtable facilitators was held in Bogotá, Colombia from 4-8 August, with 60 representatives from 15 national roundtables including several guests. The orientation explained the Mesa culture and the journey of the roundtables in the Bible translation movement; addressed how the roundtable participants can continue to grow deeper together in unity and community; and considered how roundtables can continue to deepen collaboration with God, with each other and with others.



## Asia-Pacific

### Developing and increasing translation consultant capacity

Since 2022, the Asia-Pacific Consultants Taskforce (ACT) has been actively working with several Alliance organisations to identify, equip and fund consultants-in-training (CiT) as well as provide ongoing development for consultants. As of 2026, this initiative has supported nine CiTs and 10 consultants. Funding is pooled from several Asia-Pacific Alliance organisations to support other Alliance organisations' consultants and CiTs in the same region. The ACT is developing a consultant certification process to increase capacity to serve the needs of the region and beyond.



## **Interregional Alliance organisations collaboration**

2025 saw a first in the collaboration between Alliance organisations in South America and Asia for a training opportunity. In May, Evelyn Gan, Alliance Consultant for Oral Translation Programmes and Associate Director (Translation Partnership) for Asia-Pacific, led an oral Bible translation workshop for AIDIA trainees in Peru. She was joined by the directors of Wycliffe Malaysia and Wycliffe Japan for a New Testament dedication there, as they also were exploring partnerships with AIDIA. Wycliffe Malaysia is working on the possibility of sending a staff member to serve in Peru.

## **Board and leaders orientation and training**

Board orientation and training are key to governance. In 2024 and 2025, the boards of Alliance organisations in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines underwent orientation and governance training, online or in-person.

## **Journey Concept Workshop**

The Asia-Pacific Area invited Susan Van Wynen, former Alliance Consultant for Strategy, to conduct this workshop in Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan. Forty-one leaders from Alliance organisations and other partners benefited from Susan's workshop for discerning the future of their organisations. Ling Lam, the Asia-Pacific Area's Associate Director (Communication and Media Services), together with local Alliance organisations, organised and hosted these workshops.

## **Next generation engagement**

One function of the Alliance is to invest in emerging leaders for Bible translation. The Asia-Pacific team engaged with Wycliffe Thai Foundation, Wycliffe Singapore and SIL Global in the creation of a missional discipleship internship in 2025. When up and running, Alliance organisations in Asia should be able to engage youth for missional discipleship while assigned to positions or projects that will benefit the interns, their sending churches and the entities that provide guidance and training. Wycliffe Thai Foundation is working hard to become the hub for this initiative.

## Europe

### Leadership Enrichment Program (online)

The European Leadership Enrichment Program (LEP) provides leaders within the Wycliffe Global Alliance with a deeper understanding of the Alliance's history, structure and shared mission, while fostering meaningful relationships across regions. Participants in the monthly event valued the richness of the content, particularly sessions on the Alliance's development and governance, which offered vital context for informed leadership. Interactive elements—especially small group discussions and peer exchange—strengthened

connections among leaders and highlighted shared challenges and common purpose across diverse contexts. Hearing from experienced leaders further reinforced a sense of belonging within the Alliance and fostered future sustainability.

Overall, the LEP broadened participants' global perspectives, helping them see how individual roles contribute to the Alliance's collective mission. Participants also expressed strong interest in continued learning through follow-up engagement, inter-regional collaboration and focused discussions on partnership and cooperation. The LEP has proven to be a unifying and formative experience, equipping leaders with insight, confidence and relationships for collaborative, mission-driven leadership.

### Virtual Participation Tables

Ruben Dubei, Europe Area Director:

'When I came into my role, I had a very small team which soon became even smaller (Bud Speck and myself). We realized we will not be able to offer adequate assistance to the 19 Alliance organizations in Europe. Also, the usual participants in our area gatherings were directors and board chairs, so the other staff in the offices would basically have no connections within the Alliance. So I came up with the idea of creating Virtual Participation Tables based on the Participation Streams of the Alliance, on various domains of work like People, Prayer, Communications, Bible Translation, Funding and Church. These have been useful for organisations' staff members—discussing relevant issues, helping each other according to their needs, learning together, connecting with others in their domains and more. Now, after three years of these tables, some are continuing (People, Prayer, Communications) while others are being transformed into new tables such as Bible Translation and Funding.'

## The Nordic Conference

The four Alliance organisations located in the north of Europe (Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland) came together in Sweden in November 2025 to address issues relevant to their region. Topics discussed were: Vision 2025, Transnationalism, The Missiology of AI and Mission, Bible Translation Quality Assurance and Building a Sustainable Organisation. A special interest prompted that last topic, which is now one of the greatest needs of European organisations. A few organizations in Europe are doing well and can serve as a model for others. The benefit of such a conference is that organisations' staff members and board members can participate, in addition to the directors and board chairs who usually attend area gatherings. The conference was relevant and much appreciated also for the level of fellowship.

## Europe Area Directors' Meeting

Immediately after the Nordic Conference, the directors' meeting brought together representatives of 13 of the 19 Alliance organisations in the Europe area. The purpose was to evaluate the Europe Area Gathering, reflect on lessons learned and explore strategic opportunities. Four general needs have been identified: strategic collaboration, organisational capacity building, fellowship, and understanding the evolving context. Organisational capacity building was identified as one of the main needs in the area; this confirmed the reason for the high interest in Building a Sustainable Organisation during the Nordic Conference. So, we intend to focus on these four areas for the next several years.

## New ways of working together

### Americas

#### Wycliffe Caribbean:

Just over 20 years ago, SIL did a language survey in the Caribbean to identify translation needs, and approached several organisations, academic institutions and community groups. At that time, they found little interest in language development or translation.

In 2019, Wycliffe Caribbean, in partnership with Seed Company, decided to pursue Old Testament translation in Belize, Jamaica and San Andres. There was, however, no translation in the Eastern Caribbean.



Then in 2022, the Language Development Division of Wycliffe Caribbean assessed Scripture engagement in the Caribbean, and in the process revisited the earlier SIL survey. Facilitators used the Taste of Translation (ToT) workshop format which was developed and used in Indonesia. Following a successful pilot in Trinidad in 2022, four ToT's were held for four creoles.

This was truly a turning point for Bible translation in this region. The outcome of these ToTs is that an oral Bible translation (OBT) cluster has been started in the Eastern Caribbean for four creoles: Bajan for Barbados, Vinci for St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trini for Trinidad and Tobagonian for Tobago.

A fresh wave is moving across the Caribbean as translation of the Old Testament is taking place in the Western Caribbean Creole Cluster for Belize, Jamaica and San Andres and of the New Testament in the Eastern Caribbean Creole Cluster. Praise God for the interest in Scripture engagement as Caribbean Creole speakers are receiving God's Word in their heart language.

## Europe

### Eurasia Sign Language Partnership

During the Eurasia Bibleless Peoples Consultation in 2022 in Albania, six organisations agreed to establish a Eurasia Sign Language Partnership to address the Scripture needs of the approximately 100 Deaf people groups in the 84 Eurasian countries. The group, initially comprised of Deaf Bible Society, Global Partnerships, Seed Company, Word of Life, Wycliffe Netherlands and Wycliffe Sweden, committed to work together with the local Christian communities to see a Bible translation project started in the next three years for every Eurasian sign language that needs it. The Eurasia Sign Language Partnership has grown to include DOOR International, United Bible Societies, Døves Frikirke, European Deaf Christian Bible Translation, SIL Africa & Eurasia

Global Sign Languages Team, Wycliffe Romania, Pioneer Bible Translators and Africa Deaf Mission Alliance. The partnership worked effectively during the last two or three years and as of now there are only seven remaining sign languages in Eurasia waiting to start a translation project.

*Also contributing to these reports:*

*Paul Kimbi, Alliance Consultant for Bible Translation Programs*

*Zac Manyim, Prayer Advocacy Coordinator – Wycliffe Africa Area*

*Ling Lam, Director of Communications, Asia-Pacific Area*

*Bud Speck, Europe Area Communications Consultant*



## Special reports

In 2025, the Alliance produced five in-depth reports on trends and strategies impacting Bible translation movements:

- [Spreading like Wildfire](#)

An Alliance course has sparked worldwide excitement, emphasizing Bible translation as a ministry of the church.

- [Many Hands](#)

Rethinking Bible translation training, consultancy, locations and roles.

- [Artificial Intelligence, Bible Translation and the Church](#)

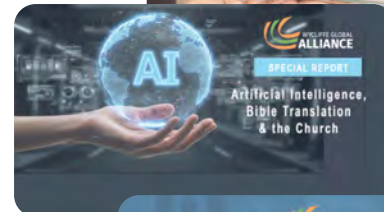
How artificial intelligence is impacting Bible translation, and what experts think the near future holds.

- [God's Word Speaks](#)

Oral Bible Translation's impact continues to grow, and so does cross-cultural training for translation teams.

- [Come to the Table](#)

A look at the success, and potential, of Mesa gatherings and training for those who will lead them.



### Alliance Podcasts

#### The Journey Podcast

Conversations with global experts about issues and trends impacting Bible translation movements. Seven new episodes were published in 2025.

#### In the Company of Travellers

The first season featured five episodes, with guests from around the world, discussing organisational Christlikeness.

Find both podcasts [here](#).

# Finances

## **Fiscal Year 2025: October 2024 to September 2025**

This report is based on the figures from our FY2025 audited financial statements. All amounts are reported in U.S. dollars. Amounts are rounded for easier reading. Exact amounts will be available in the Audited Financial Statement once it is published on our [Finances page at wycliffe.net](#).

### **Revenue**

Annual contributed funds were \$735,000, down from \$951,000 in FY 2024. This was a significant decrease of over \$215,000, mostly due to decreased project funding income.

In addition, the Alliance received contributed services from Alliance organisations as in previous years. This is based on the calculated value of labor performed by staff members assigned to work in the Alliance. The amount was about \$1.78 million in FY 2025 compared to \$1.84 million FY 2024. The decrease is due to fewer staff assigned to the Alliance.

Finally, FY 2025 interest and other income totaled \$138,000. This was a \$32,000 decrease due to unfavorable developments in financial markets and due to less invested funds.

All of this brings the total revenue and support for FY 2025 to \$2,653,000, down by roughly \$300,000 from FY 2024. This was partly expected but also a disappointment regarding the dip in project funding. The Alliance also continued using its accumulated reserves to help the transition toward more sustainable funding structures.

### **Expenses**

Alliance expenses in FY 2025 totaled \$2,841,000, almost \$335,000 lower than FY 2024. This includes the contributed labor of \$1.78 million, so direct operational and project expenses were \$1.06 million, a decrease of about \$280,000 from FY 2024. This decrease is mainly due to lower projects activity.

### **Net Assets**

The Alliance's net assets decreased roughly 5 percent, or \$188,000, in FY 2025 compared to FY 2024. Total assets at the end of FY 2025 were about \$3.68 million and liabilities about \$79,000, giving net assets of \$3.6 million. Out of the net assets, more than 97 percent were without donor restrictions. This position of fairly high reserves will help the Alliance develop its funding to the required level over the coming three to four years.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannu Summanen



# Alliance Leadership Team in 2025

*A small core team and a diverse group of consultants help shape and nurture the direction of the Alliance, participate in key networks and partnerships and provide accountability.*



**Dr Stephen Coertze**

Executive Director

*South Africa*



**Martijn de Vries**

Director for Operations

*Switzerland*



**Phil Prior**

Director for Communication

*United Kingdom*



**Wairimu Irungu**

Africa Area Director

*Kenya*



**Hannu Summanen**

Chief Financial Officer

*Finland*



**Dr Paul Kimbi**

Consultant for Bible Translation Programs

*Cameroon*



**Dr David Cárdenas**

Americas Area Director

*Colombia*



**Hannes Wiesmann**

Assistant to the Executive Director

*Switzerland*



**Dr Susan Van Wynen**

Consultant for Strategy  
*Retired in 2025*

*United States*



**Ruben Dubei**

Europe Area Director

*Romania*



**Dr Bryan Harmelink**

Director for Collaboration

*United States*



**Jo Johnson**

Consultant for Prayer Advocacy

*United Kingdom*



**Nicky Chong**

Asia-Pacific Area Director

*Singapore*

# Board of Directors in 2025

*The Board of Directors gives input to and provides governance for the Alliance. Each Alliance organisation has its own leadership and board, but all seek to work inter-dependently and value the Alliance community for friendship, partnership, spiritual encouragement and other practical forms of mutual support.*



**Agnes Lid**  
(Chair)  
Norway



**Marco Herrera**  
(Vice Chair)  
retired 03/2025  
Mexico



**Susanna Muntz**  
(Vice Chair)  
began 03/2025  
Canada



**Matt Dawson**  
(Secretary)  
United States



**Hannu Summanen**  
(Treasurer)  
Finland



**Joke Haaijer**  
Netherlands



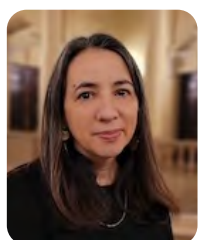
**Héber Negrão**  
Brazil



**Dr John Chesnut**  
United States



**Prof Jayne Mutiga**  
Kenya



**Marilina Bongarrá**  
Joined 09/2025  
Argentina



**Fook Meng Wong**  
Malaysia



**Su-Ling Ng**  
Singapore



**Emmanuel Keyeh**  
Cameroon



**Rob Lovatt**  
New Zealand



## Photo Credits

Cover: Philippines, Aileen Agoncillo

Page 4: left: Kenya, 2015, Rodney Ballard; right: India, 2010, Elyse Patten

Page 5: (screenshot) Wycliffe Global Alliance Africa Area

Page 6: Brazil, 2025, Alem

Page 7: Germany, 2025, Bud Speck

Page 9: Africa Area Cohort, 2025, Wycliffe Global Alliance Africa Area

Page 10: Burkino Faso, 2025, ANTBA

Page 11: top: Argentina, 2025, Movida International; bottom, Brazil, 2025

Page 12: top: Photo taken from presentation by Kirk Franklin; middle, Colombia, 2025, Javier Bogotá

Page 13: Peru, 2025, Evelyn Gan

Page 15: Carribean, 2025, Wycliffe Carribean

Page 16: Romania, 2022, Ruben Dubei