




Bread of Life Missions Conference 2022

The Task remaining: A
Historical Approach,
Emerging Realities, What is
our response?





Outline for this morning

1. Historical Movement of God's Church
2. God's Purpose, Strategy, & Plan for the Nations:
3. Where are we in the process of carrying out God's plan?
4. What is our part?



1900

Global North – 82%

Global South – 18%

2020

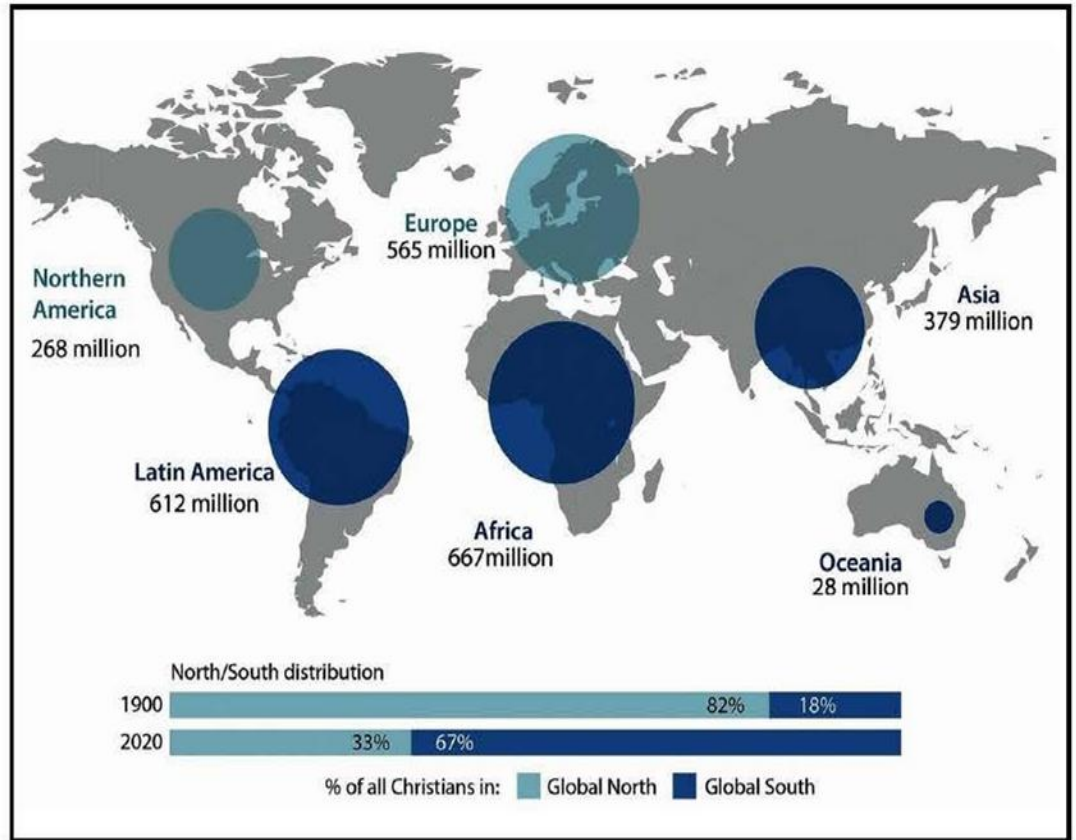
Global North – 34%

Global South – 66%

Estimated 2050

3.4 billion Christians

- Global North - 23%
- **Global South - 77%**



Map 1. Christians by continent, 2020.

Source: Todd M. Johnson and Gina A. Zurlo, *World Christian Encyclopedia*, 3rd ed. (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2019), 4.

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Sanneh; *“Three factors influence the spontaneous expansion of the church in Africa”*

1. Removal of colonial structures
2. Translation of the Bible into African languages
3. African agency - especially when young people and women were given roles in the church

What is God's Purpose?

Toward God – That all people and creation would glorify God. (Isaiah 48:9-11)

For People – That all people would know they belong and that all have been invited to become his children. (Gal. 3:29)

Against Evil – God is bent on destroying all things that come between himself and his own. (Prov. 6:6-19)

Genesis 11

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. **2** As people moved eastward,[a] they found a plain in Shinar[b] and settled there.

3 They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. **4** Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

5 But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. 6 The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

8 So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9 That is why it was called Babel[c]—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Faces of Translation



God's Strategy

Matthew 20:18b -20 “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Luke 10: 1-12 : Jesus Lays out a plan

As you go:

1. Pray for laborers for his harvest
2. Take nothing with you.
3. When you go into a place, say peace be with you...
and if it is returned then stay there. Stay with the
man of peace...

Laborers for the Harvest



Take Nothing with you



Leaders of Peace

Bishop Leidimo Edoni

Convener for the Circuits



Chapter 10 (Ambassador)

1. Whoever listens to you listens to me, but who whoever rejects you rejects me and the one who sent me.
2. I have given you authority.. To overcome physical and even spiritual opposition but don't rejoice in that...
3. Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.
4. Blessed are the eyes to see what you see - the relationship shared between Jesus and the Father

Summary: You are God's plan A.

God chose you, me, his global church to be his ambassadors and take the invitation to be part of his family to the nations of the world.

The people's of the earth still do not worship because they have not heard.

Worship does
not exist
everywhere”
- John Piper

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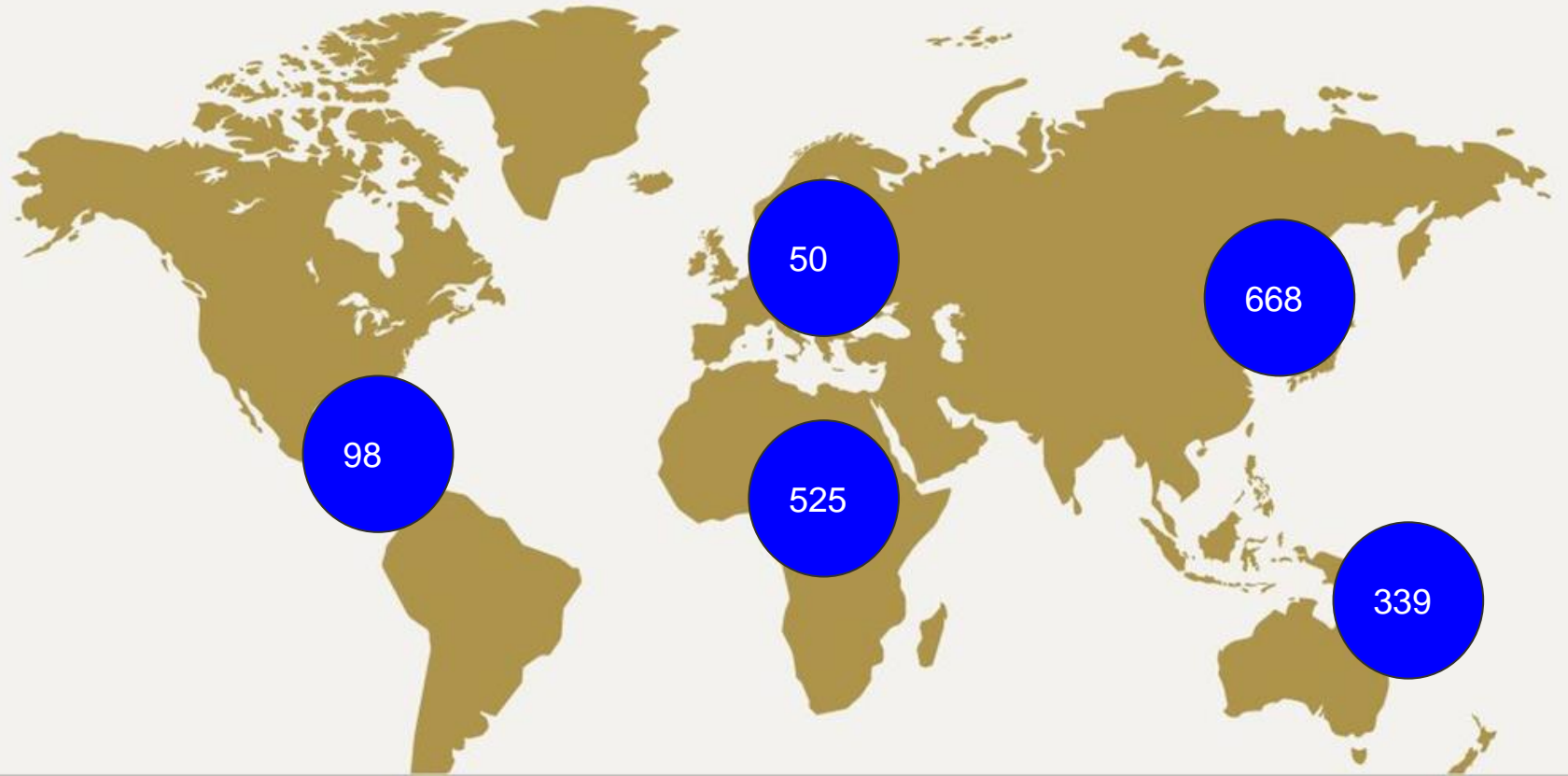


There is an end to our global task:

“When this gospel has been preached to all nations
then the end will come” Matthew 24:14

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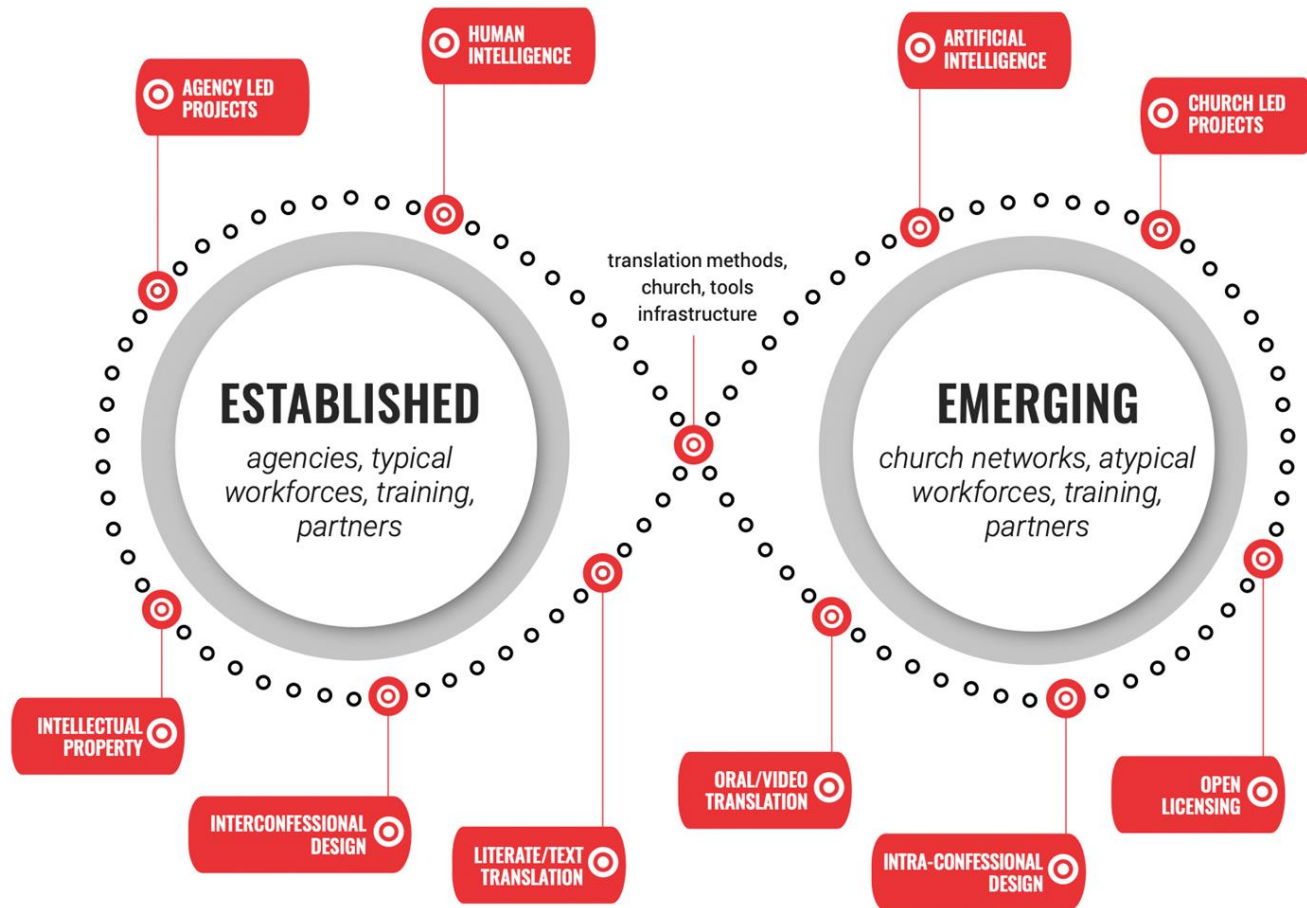
1680 Languages have no scripture today... 1.5 Billion People

A view of remaining languages without scripture.



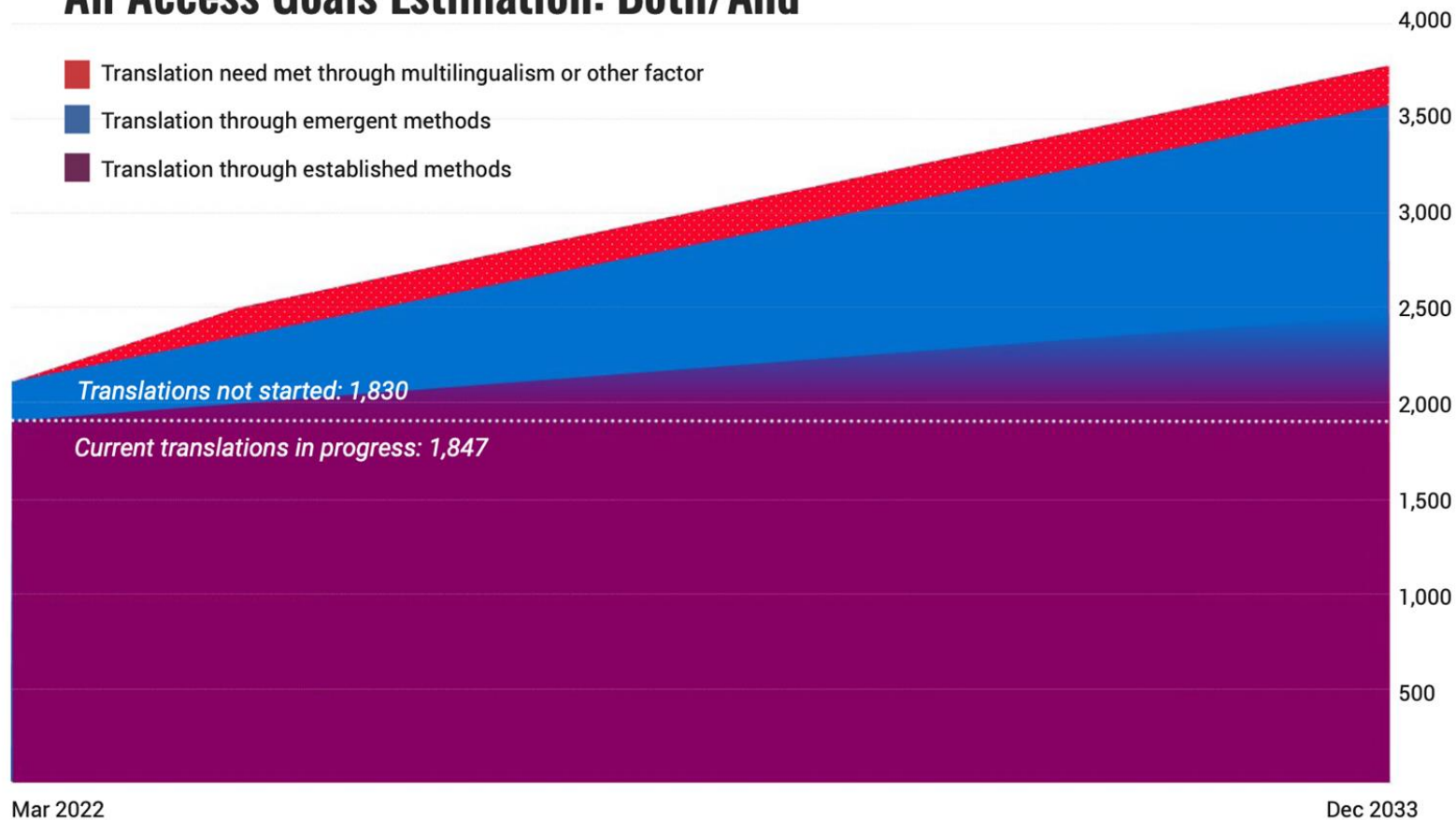
2033 Scripture Access Goals

- 95 % of the world's population with the full Bible
- 99.6% of the world's population with access to a New Testament
- 100% with access to some Scripture



All Access Goals Estimation: Both/And

- Translation need met through multilingualism or other factor
- Translation through emergent methods
- Translation through established methods



Bishop Leidimo Edoni (UCPIR)



“We have this stewardship that we must embrace, even if no one helps. We will start translation in each of the communities in Milne Bay.” Synod 2019

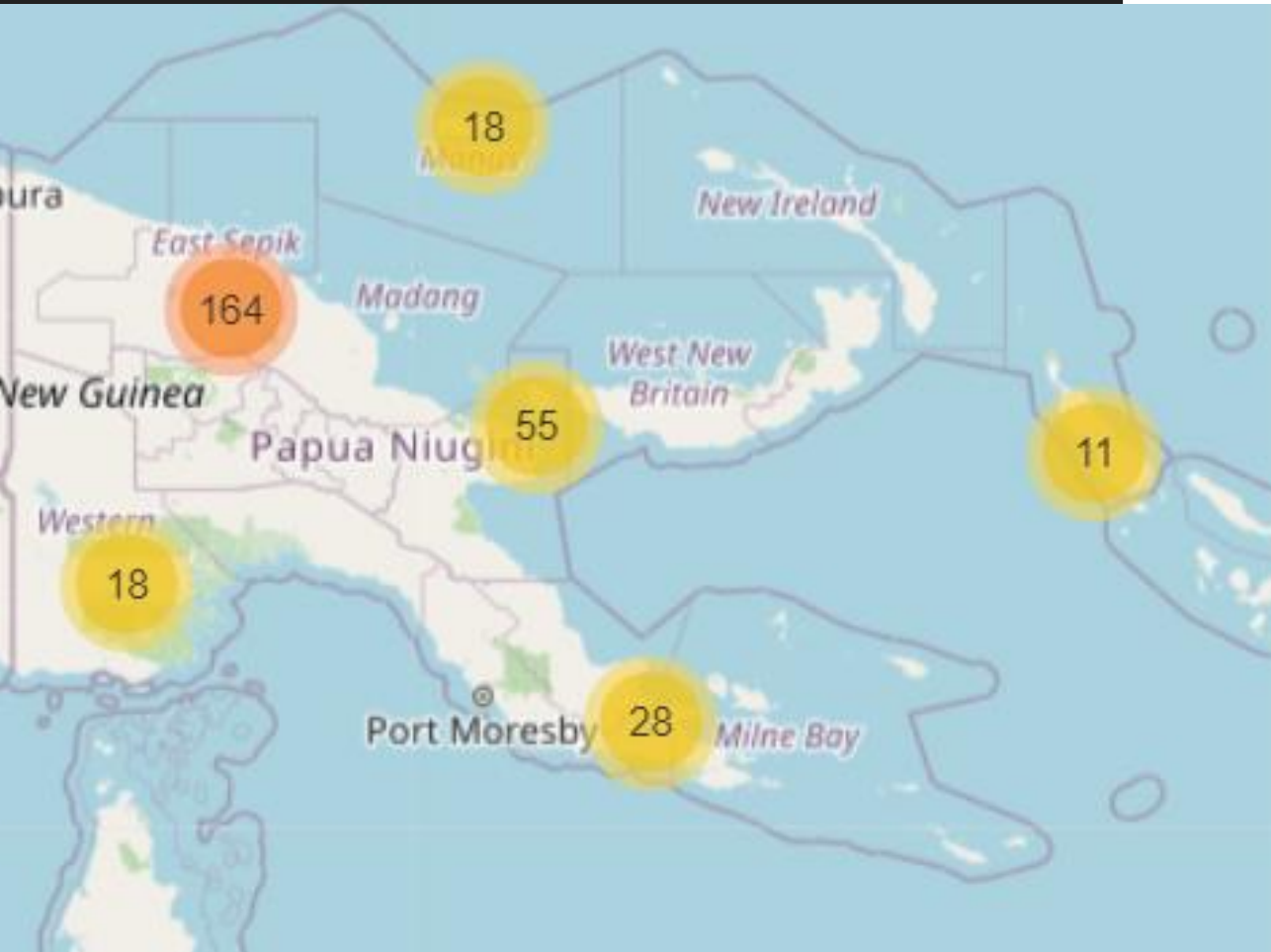
Dre Ko Malolo- “finishing a journey or successfully reaching a goal.”



Dre Ko Malolo (583 Languages - 21 Islands)

Four Major Goals

- a. Engagement through Church Leaders
- b. 2025 Goals: Start the Translation in the 530 languages registered as potential needs in the Pacific
- c. 2033 Goals:
 - i. 527 languages with <5000 people
 - ii. 3 languages have plans to complete the NT
 - iii. 53 languages are a work in progress
- d. Serve the Local Church



It will be challenging

“Whatever door the Lord opens will be opened
and whatever door he closes will be closed.” -
Bishop Leidimo Edoni, UCPIR Dec. 2, 2021

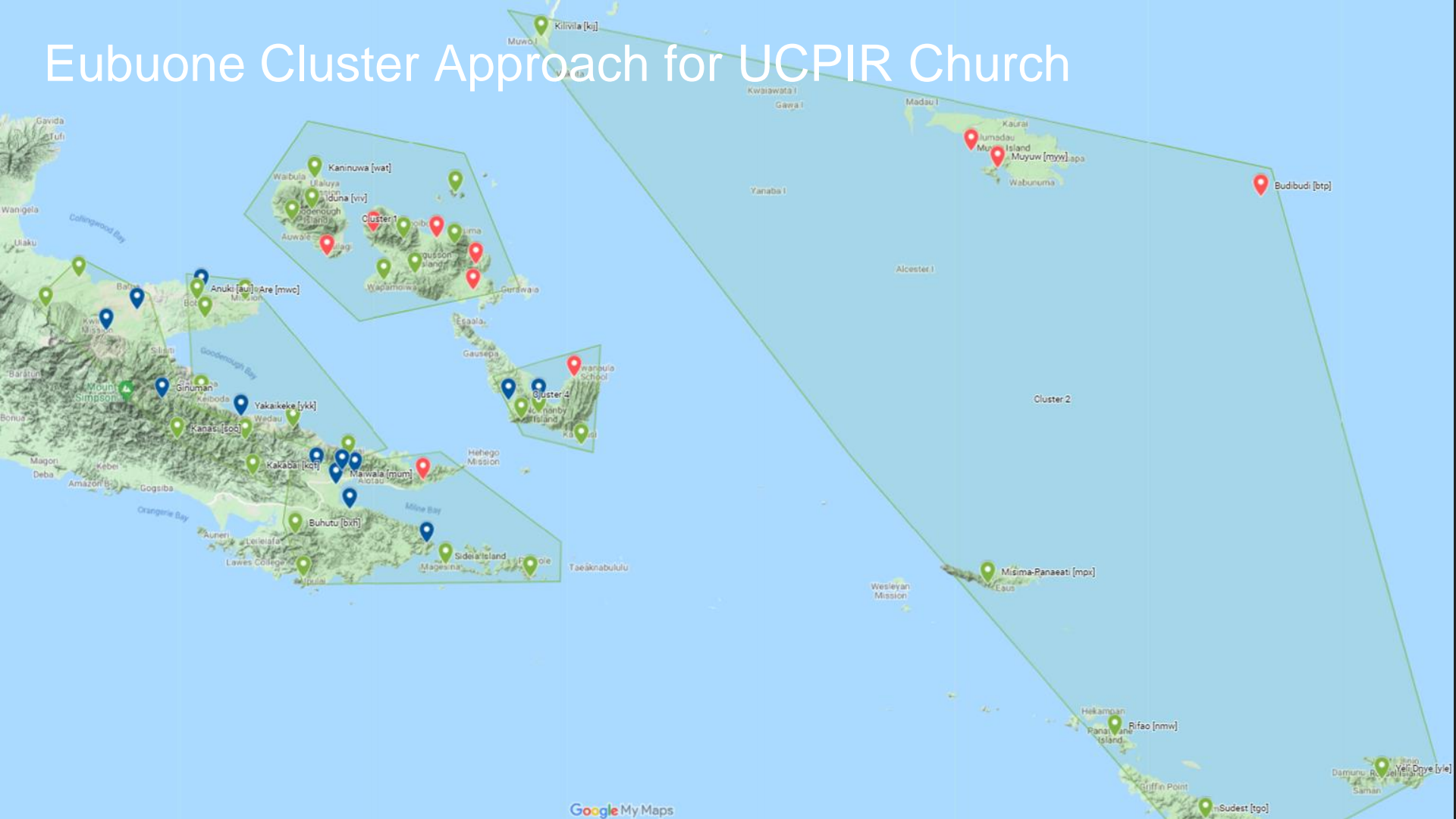
Habakkuk 3:1

“Look at the nations and watch—
and be utterly amazed.

For I am going to do something in your days
that you would not believe,
even if you were told.

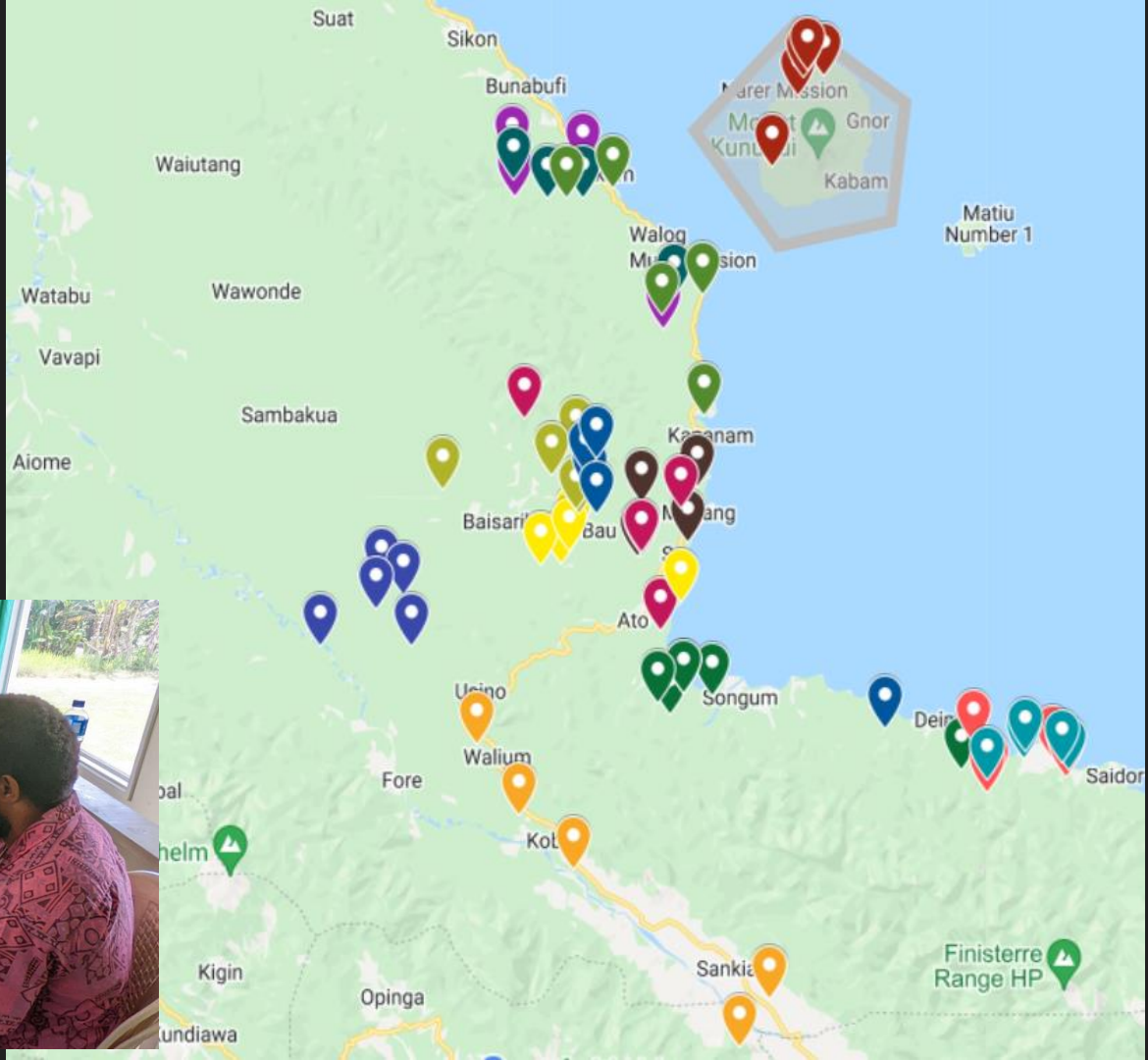


Ebuone Cluster Approach for UCPIR Church



“Wanbel”

6 Groups of languages
16 different language
Clusters



A photograph of three people standing indoors. On the left is a man with short grey hair wearing a blue patterned polo shirt. In the center is a woman with dark hair wearing a red and black patterned dress, holding a copy of the 'Africa Study Bible'. On the right is an older man with grey hair wearing a bright green patterned shirt, also holding a copy of the 'Africa Study Bible'. The background shows a doorway and some framed pictures on the wall.



Ownership of Process



Ownership of Training



- Multi-Church Facilitators
- Church led Authentication of Scripture

“We want to see translation happening in all of our communities for the sake of transformation in their communities. We used to be called a province (Milne Bay) where there was peace but that is not true anymore. We want to see scripture being translated so this next generation will be transformed.”

Reverend Bernard Siai - Moderator of United Church PNG

Ownership of direction



Impact of
Community
and Church
Based
Translation-
Reverend
Isaac Wilson



Pray

- Ask God to direct your prayers
- Quietly bring to God anything that keeps coming up.
- Pray for Bread of Life Church
- Ask God to move the work forward among the nations