



PROJECT SUPERVISOR



Ron Ryan

With 35 years of experience in Wycliffe, Ron Ryan now provides leadership to Americas Area: *Passing the Torch so Others May See* in the role of project supervisor. Because he has served the Americas Area in government and church relations, and as the director of the Peru branch office, Ron brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the project. Ron possesses strong relational skills and, due to his experience giving direction to Wycliffe's capital campaigns, understands the large scope of comprehensive projects from both the field and donor perspectives.

“Nine regional organizations in Peru have formed CONACIP to work collaboratively with a unified vision for the future of translation and Scripture promotion. Most important is that the leaders of these organizations are taking on the responsibility for the future of the work.”

Fredi Quintanilla Palomino

Executive Director of ATEK and former President of CONACI, Peru

HOW TO FUND THIS PROJECT

To partner with us in passing on the vision and responsibility of ongoing Scripture impact to the people of the Americas, please contact:

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PROJECT GOAL:

Empower nationals to continue the task of Bible translation and Scripture use in the Americas

LOCATION:

Americas Area

FUNDS REQUESTED:

\$53.2 million

TIMELINE:

12 years



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AMERICAS AREA
PASSING THE TORCH SO OTHERS MAY SEE



PROJECT SUMMARY

“At the end of the leadership workshop, [Quechua] pastors told us, ‘It was a great joy for us to receive this kind of training for the very first time, and our spiritual lives were strengthened. The teaching was very clear and appropriate to our situation, and now we will return to our communities equipped with the Word of God.’”

Cely Cervantes

Assistant Administrator,
Asociación
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Integral de Apurímac
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Evangelical churches are growing rapidly throughout Latin America, the Caribbean, and indigenous groups in the Americas. These churches are developing a vision to reach beyond their own communities and cities and participate in the global missionary task.

However, despite this surge in missionary involvement, the number of people engaged in the Bible translation movement has been limited. Many churches are uninformed about the importance of ministry among minority language speakers. In churches where the need is known, participation is limited by the lack of available linguistic training.

Churches and organizations throughout the Americas are pleading for training and mentoring so they can continue the task of Bible translation



and Scripture use. Indigenous church leaders are asking for assistance to complete translation work themselves. Many organizations are networking and forming collaborative ministries to enhance impact. This project, *Americas Area: Passing the Torch so Others May See*, responds to what God is already doing in and through His people in the Americas—so that they can join the global Bible translation movement.

CURRENT SITUATION

As SIL personnel with years of experience and expertise near retirement, it is vital that we invest in the training of local and national leaders.

National and indigenous churches are ready to get involved in the global task, Wycliffe is positioned to assist them, and SIL has experts in place to serve as trainers and mentors. Now is the time for a project of this nature.

The people of the Americas have embarked on a journey to change the nature of translation work so the light of God’s Word will be available to this generation and each succeeding generation in the language of their heart. Through this project, indigenous language speakers and national workers will now carry the torch so that future generations will have God’s Word in their language.

THE PLAN: Partnerships and Collaboration

The Bible translation movement in the Americas has expanded quickly in the past decade. With expansion comes increasing opportunities and the need for a strategic response from SIL and Wycliffe. Working together, they have developed a single comprehensive strategy—in collaboration with a network of partners—to strengthen this movement. As we assist local and national organizations to build capacity, they will in turn participate in the global task by continuing the development of local language work.

This project will facilitate a phased transition to national and indigenous leadership, serving as a model for the larger family of organizations.

Wycliffe and SIL share the vision that by the year 2020, at least 2,000 more people from Indigenous America, Latin America and the Caribbean will join the worldwide Bible translation movement.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- * The church in the Americas is engaged and participating in the transformation of people and communities worldwide through the Bible in their own language.
- * Indigenous peoples in the Americas will not only have access to Scripture, but will also have the capacity to continue ongoing Scripture ministry in their language.
- * The worldwide Bible translation movement will benefit from the lessons learned and the models developed through this project.

12-YEAR BUDGET: 2008-2020

Comprehensive Project 12-Year Budget: \$53,437,464*
Funds Secured: \$7,605,198

Total Grant Request: \$45,832,266

*Does not include approximately \$99.4 million in donated services.

Project Budget Diagram:

