



As the use of technology spreads around the globe, cell phones are becoming the next tool available to spread the Good News of Christ.

Ben (*not his real name*), a Bible translator, has been living in Central Asia for the last six years. Ben and his team have worked on translating the Bible into a prominent Central Asian language, used by millions of people every day. It is the heart language for this people group, the best way to reach them for Christ.

As completion of this translation quickly nears, Ben finds himself becoming quite anxious about the new religious literature restrictions. Imagine, after six years of hard work and effort, holding in your hand, in their own language, the news of the Gift that will set people free. Yet those people may never get a chance to read or study it, due to proposed new laws that will censor and severely limit the import and distribution of religious literature.

Ben approached our in-country MAF-LT staff and asked if we could help get this Bible translation onto mobile devices like cell phones. Such a request aligns perfectly with MAF-LT's vision to make resources accessible to pastors and believers in challenging parts of the world! We began working on transitioning six different Central Asian Bible translations into a format that fits and displays on most modern cell phones.

I'm also exploring other technologies for mobile learning, such as reading theological books to pastors' cell phones in a computer-generated voice (text-to-speech).

Even the low-end cell phones now found across the continent of Africa will enable the Learning Technologies team to bring the truth of Scripture to remote areas.

The next time you reach for your cell phone, please pray for these projects.



The Bible – in the palm of your hand! That's right, we're putting the Bible on mobile phones.



Widespread cell phone use, shown here in rural Africa, opens exciting new ways to share the Gospel and train church leaders.

Great Expectations



When we first got to Idaho, we thought we'd have to rent. Then, with how the market was, it looked like we might be able to buy something small after all. Then God totally blew us away with the house He provided for us. It's actually the nicest home we've ever had. It totally exceeded our expectations. I don't think I've ever been so thankful.

Then I realized something. The reason I am so thankful is because my expectations were blown away. And I also realized that the reason I'm not normally so thankful is that I really expect way too much.

Prayer Points

- Thanks for a great new church, a beautiful home and fantastic new friends
- The believers in Central Asia are under growing restrictions
- Use of cell phones to spread the Gospel and train leaders
- Effect of the economy on financial support for the ministry
- \$600/month to bring our ministry support up to budgeted expenses

William Carey, the Father of Modern Missions said, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." I want to have the kind of expectations that Carey had. If you know about his life as the first missionary to India, his expectations of God were just that God would use him in the circumstances he was in. From what I can tell, he had no expectations about what those circumstances would be. I think Carey learned the secret of contentment that Paul talks about. Perhaps that's also the secret to thankfulness.

We have tried to say thank you to everyone who is making our work possible. But let us say it again; Thank you so much. You are part of a team that God brought together in a way we never expected and that makes us all the more thankful.

From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. (John 11:6)

Let's Connect

- You can always send mail to the MAF office and they will get it to us no matter where we are; so, it is the best address to have on file.
- One way you can help us cut expenses is to receive our letters via email. You can request e-letters by sending an email to brhoads@maf.org.
- Please join us for an online demonstration of Brad's current projects on 4/3 at 11 A.M. Central or 4/4 at 9 A.M. Central. Please email brhoads@maf.org to request the details.

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