

Assisting Missionaries Worldwide!

As we consider the challenge of covering the earth with the gospel, we cannot help but recognize that national preachers and teachers are absolutely essential to the fulfillment of this great, worldwide task. In fact, they stand at the center of the Lord's plan for global coverage. In his final words to Timothy, Paul said, "Entrust these [the words of the gospel] to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2; insertion mine). Our progress in world evangelism is in direct proportion to our raising up faithful national preachers and teachers in every nation and territory of the world.

Aware of this undeniable truth, Truth for Today World Mission School (TFTWMS) sends expository studies to 32,000 men in 140 nations to assist them in their work of evangelism and edification. We believe that expository



*A New Christian
In Guatemala*

studies cross cultures better than any other type of biblical material.

TFTWMS receives "thank you" letters from national preachers and teachers weekly. Messages such as the following bring encouragement: "Providing these study helps is the best assistance you can give us. When we understand the Word better, we are able to preach and teach the Word better." The churches of Christ in America have continually put "equipping our frontline soldiers with the resources they need to fight the battles they must fight" at the top of their list of priorities.

Truth for Today World Mission School: Meeting Two Great Needs

National preachers and teachers, like all Christians, have two enduring needs. (1) They must be fed spiritually. Edifying new converts and maturing Christians requires an extensive use of the Word of God. This is done by fellow Christians guiding their brothers and sisters into a continual, in-depth study of the Bible. It is one thing to bring a person into Christ; it is another thing entirely to aid that new Christian in becoming a productive servant of the Lord.

To address this need of bringing new Christians to maturity, TFTWMS sends printed studies of the Word of God to national Christians all over the world. These studies enable preachers and teachers everywhere to be more effective in edifying new Christians and growing churches.

(2) National preachers and teachers need the assistance that only schools can give. High-level Bible schools comprise one of the best ways to equip Christians to grow into effective preachers and teachers. Everyone who thinks deeply about church growth and Christian maturity can recognize the value of the school approach to spiritual development.

The churches of Christ do have some overseas schools, but we need more. Indeed, we do not need 50 more schools; we need 50,000 more. The church must have schools in all the nations of the world to be the "pillar and ground of the truth" on earth. For this reason, TFTWMS has established an online school, ThroughTheScriptures.com, making it possible for almost anyone anywhere to study through the Bible.



Study Materials Available in Multiple Languages

TFTWMS is regularly mailing expository studies in twelve languages. Courses are currently available in fourteen languages in the online school ThroughTheScriptures.com. We are working to add additional languages to these efforts, bringing the total number of each to twenty-three languages. Translation is already underway. As funds become available, the translated material will be developed into courses for the online school, as well as being prepared for printing and mailing. Adding these languages will allow us to reach many more people!

Getting the Most Scripture to the Most People in the Shortest Amount of Time

The Practicality Of the Printed Page

With the flood of technological ways to communicate rushing at us, it is easy to discount the value of the printed page. However, printed literature has great strength, and that strength lies in three characteristics. First, printed material has the capability to cover large sections of the earth at the same time. The postal systems of the world make it possible for us to send packages of books and other printed materials in every direction.

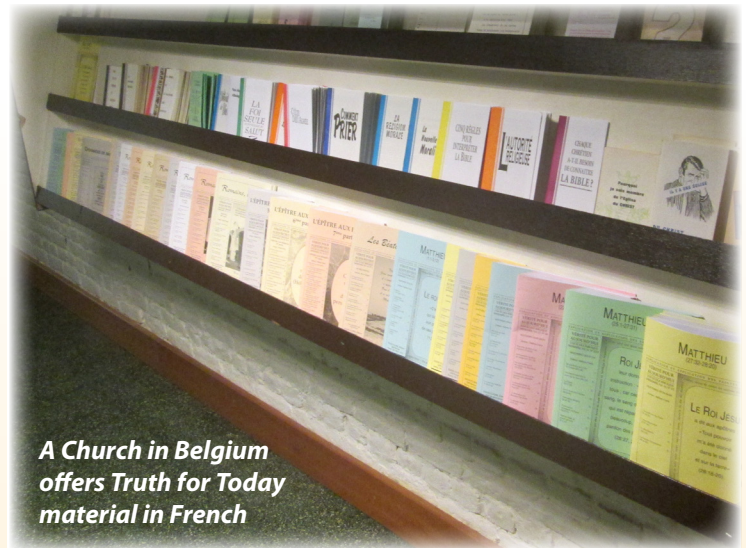
Second, the printed page has an amazing staying power. In this regard, it rises above radio and television. As valuable as they are to us, radio and television transmissions cannot stay with a person for long. However, every piece of printed matter we send to other nations has a ten- to fifteen-year life span. That kind of staying power is extremely important.

Third, printed material has a manageability that puts it into a category by itself. One can mark it, underline it, read it again and again, and easily share it. For this reason, preachers and teachers should never be without printed gospel material.

With these wonderful dimensions, the written page is one of the most highly prized basic methods we have for evangelism and edification. It takes its place among the four big methods of evangelism: (1) public proclamation of the gospel; (2) personal or one-on-one evangelism (3) personal example; and (4) the printed page.

The Coverage and Availability of The Online School

ThroughTheScriptures.com, an online Bible school developed by TFTWMS, was launched in 2015. The school contains over forty courses covering nearly all the books of the Bible. Each course is based upon a study text that is approximately 400 to 700 pages in length. These texts are in-depth, thorough studies of the Scriptures that have been written by well-respected scholars.



A Church in Belgium offers Truth for Today material in French

ThroughTheScriptures.com courses are currently available in English and thirteen other languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Kannada, Malayalam, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, and Vietnamese. In addition, courses are being translated into nine more languages. The languages chosen start with the most-spoken languages of the earth and move through the twenty-third language on the list of the most used languages of the world. TFTWMS will add others languages (like Italian and Swahili) as funds and personnel become available.

Two very significant strong points of this school can be seen. One strength is its coverage: Internet access makes the courses available anywhere in the world. The second strength is found in its being postage free. Anyone who is connected to the Internet and can utilize one of the languages can study the Bible for himself through this school, regardless of where he may be.

This online school offers invaluable assistance to long-term missionaries, short-term mission efforts, medical missions, preacher training schools, and personal work throughout the world. The school joins hands with all of other Christian works, giving us a tool for which we have all been praying.

Offering Bible studies in twenty-three languages will provide the most Scripture for the most people in the shortest amount of time. The complete coverage of the Bible coupled with the multi-lingual possibilities make this school one of the most Bible-laden teaching tools available online!

An Open Letter to My Brethren in Christ

Dear brethren,

Thank you for your unwavering encouragement and support in this great work of giving the gospel to most of the world.

For a number of reasons, the church is facing challenges we have not confronted before. For example, in overseas travel, our going in and out of India for evangelistic purposes has been curtailed because a new prime minister has taken office. In the churches, personal evangelism has (unintentionally) been reduced to benevolence. In our own country, preaching has become less evangelistic and mostly brethren-oriented. In addition to all of this, the political scene is devolving into a humanistic machine that has no place for Christianity.

Does anyone have all the answers to these challenges? No, but one thing is sure: We must not give up or let up regarding our commitment to share the gospel with the world. Now is the time for all faithful Christians to be assertive regarding giving the gospel to the world.

We will need to employ the latest and most far-reaching methods of gospel teaching as the population of the world gets bigger and bigger. The gospel does not change; it remains the same for all ages. This is an eternal continuity that we do not have to be concerned about! This big world, though, with its 7.3 billion people, is another matter. Is there any hope of fulfilling the Great Commission in our time? Yes, God's Word tells us what to do and promises to help us accomplish the task; but we will have to join together, and every person must do his or her part to send the gospel message into the lives of all the people of the earth.

Please read carefully the newsletter you have before you, weigh thoughtfully the plans that are being made by TFTWMS, and think deeply about the far-reaching implications of these plans. Let each one of us make the best response to these plans that we can. Maybe you could send a contribution to TFTWMS. I hope you will consider doing so. Maybe you will be able to provide funding for the translation of one of the many courses being offered at ThroughTheScriptures.com, the online Bible school developed by TFTWMS. This would allow you to leave something behind that will provide the knowledge of the Scriptures for people in all nations for years to come.

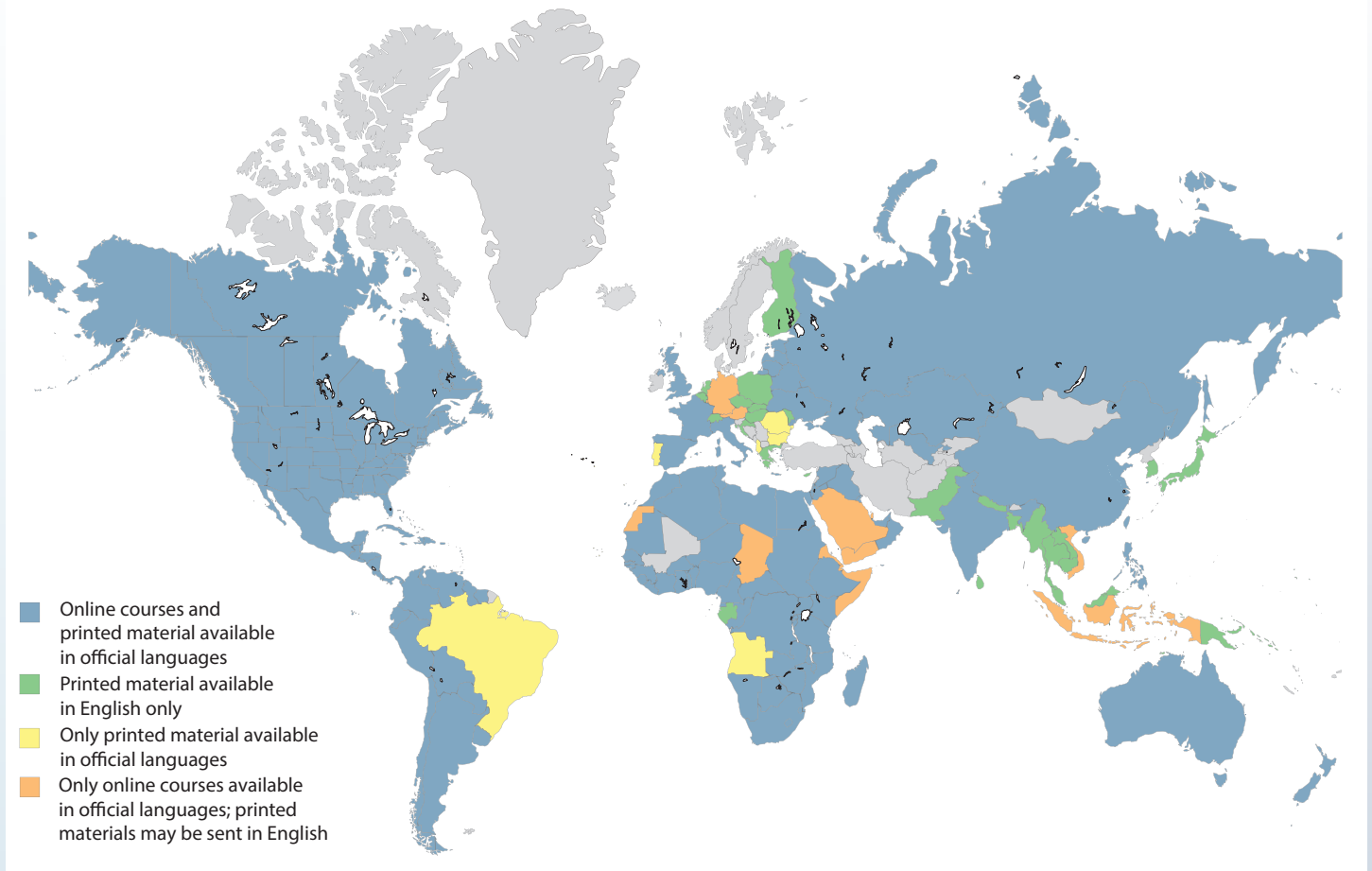
May the Lord grant His blessings to you and to us as we work together so the gospel may cover the earth!

Your brother in His work,
Eddie Cloer, Director
Truth for Today World Mission School

“These courses are most likely the only ones of this caliber being offered globally in so many languages. When one stops to think of the potential of these materials literally reaching into all the world, one is first amazed and then brought to give thanks and glory to our Father in heaven for giving people a passion for lost souls and enabling them to develop the materials and systems to make this work possible.”

**Keith Cronk, CIO/VP, Information Systems & Technology
Harding University**

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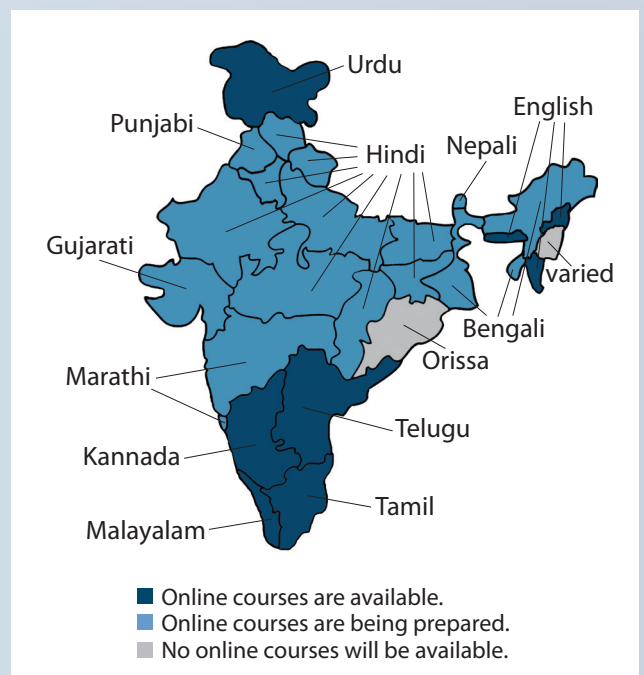


Online courses are prepared in Japanese, Korean, Nepali, and Portuguese and are awaiting copyright permissions for the use of the Scriptures in those languages.

Languages of India: How Do We Choose?

According to newworldencyclopedia.org, individual mother tongues in India number several hundred, and more than a thousand if major dialects are included. Hindi is the official language of the central government, with English as a provisional official sub-language. There are official languages at the state and central levels, but there is no one national language. The Constitution of India recognizes twenty-three official languages, spoken in different parts of the country, and two official classical languages.

So how do we choose which languages to focus on in our translation work? We are targeting eleven languages of India (in addition to English) based on the number of native speakers. As you can see from the map, these languages cover the majority of the country.



Will you partner with us?

- Pray for the success of this work.
- Send a personal contribution immediately.
- Encourage the local congregation to put TFT-WMS in the budget.
- Encourage others to study the Bible using ThroughTheScriptures.com.
- Encourage missionaries to use the printed materials as well as the online school.

The finest and most lasting gift we can give anyone is the opportunity to study the Bible. Let us be diligent in providing materials on the entire Bible to as many people of the earth as we can.



Truth for Today Recipients in Mexico

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