

## Re-Gifting God's Greatest Gift

Revelation 5:8-14

### What Is the Greatest Gift God Has Ever Given the World?

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes... Romans 1:16*

His Living and Written **WORD!**

### How Important Is God's Greatest Gift in Reaching the Unreached?

*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17*

Fulfilling the Great Commission calls for getting God's Word to people in a language they **UNDERSTAND** (preferably their heart language) and in a **WAY** (written, oral, visual) to which they have easy access.

### 5 Facts about God's Heart for Every Language Receiving His Word

#### #1 God uses language (spoken, written, living) to **ACCOMPLISH** His purposes.

*"And God said..." Genesis 1:1, 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26*

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1*

*"From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty." Revelation 19:15*

*"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God" Hebrews 8:10*

#### #2 Sinful humanity used **ONE** language to **REBEL** against God's purposes and make a name for themselves.

*"Now the whole earth had one language and one speech...Then they said to one another..."Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." Genesis 11:1-4*

#### #3 God scattered humanity with **MANY** languages as a **JUDGMENT** for sin and a **HOPE** for salvation.

*And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth. Genesis 11:6-9*

#### #4 In Christ God **UNLEASHES** His Church to reach the unreached in **EVERY** language by the power of the Spirit.

*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." Acts 2:4-11*

#### #5 God gave **EVERYTHING** to reach every language with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

*And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." Rev 5:9-10*

### God's Heart Still Counts for **ZERO** Languages Without His Word!

- Of the world's 7,000 languages...  
1/3 Translation is complete. 1/3 Translation has begun. 1/3 No translation started.
- Bible translation is accelerating right now like never before—*let's get in on the action!*
- Over **4,000** translation projects need to be completed, but it is estimated that by the year **2025** all of these projects will have been started!

### Re-Gifting God's Greatest Gift: **Mark for the Makonde**

- **Mark for the Makonde** (Mah-con-day) is one way we can we make our lives count for ZERO languages without God's Word! [See Bulletin Insert]

- **Our Goal** is to give **\$17,000** to fund the translation of the Gospel of Mark for the Makonde People of Tanzania from October 2013—October 2014.

Gospel of Mark = 9% of the NT = 678 verses @ \$25 per verse = \$17,000

- 1) **COMMIT** to how many verses and sign up on chapter boards. [See Commitment Card]
- 2) **PRAY** for the Makonde project and people.
- 3) **FULLFILL** your commitment and make your life count for **ZERO!**