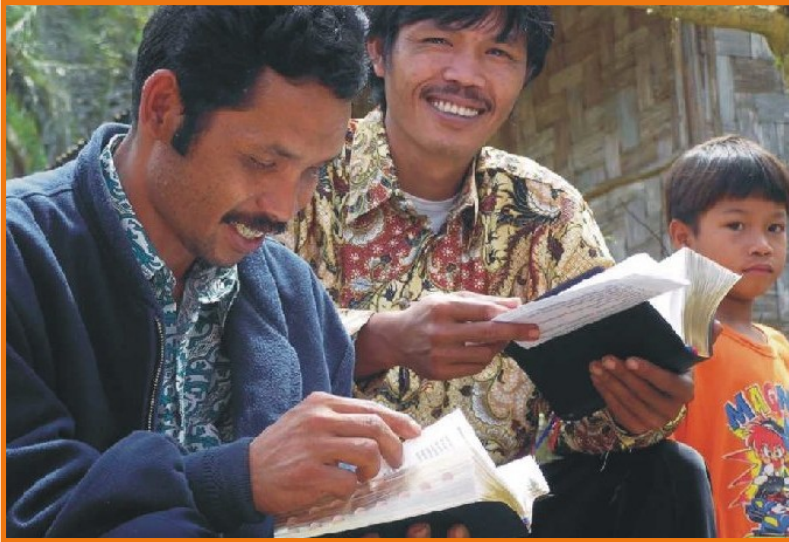


# Scripture Use

## Opening the book



*Empowering the  
Church to grow in  
Christ*

## You could be a Scripture Use Specialist

We are all concerned for those who don't have the Scriptures, but there's a goal beyond writing a language, completing a translation and encouraging literacy. Bibles wrapped up in beautiful cloths, or kept on show in glass cabinets are not the goal of Bible translation.

The aim of all that we do is to see the Scriptures being used effectively and lives being changed.

Scripture Use specialists work in partnership with the local church to see the translated Scriptures transform lives.

## What do Scripture Use specialists do?

The particular aspects of Scripture Use which you could be involved in will vary according to the local situation and your gifts and interests.

In partnership with the local church, you might

- facilitate seminars for church leaders, helping them use a new translation effectively in services, Bible study groups, family prayers or evangelism.
- help Sunday School teachers or youth leaders prepare appropriate

materials and develop their teaching and story-telling skills.

- help produce biblically-based materials which address felt needs such as AIDS education or the healing of trauma after war.
- help produce audio cassettes, videos or local Christian radio programmes.

- Use your musical skills to work with a group of musicians, encouraging them to write hymns and songs in culturally appropriate styles.

*"We now know that we  
can speak to God in our  
own language and that  
He likes it!"*

*Kenyan pastor*



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## Qualifications

You would normally already have a degree or similar level qualification. A background in theology, or a year or two at Bible College is especially helpful, though not a requirement.

You would be a committed Christian, playing an active part in a local church, and willing to serve God wherever he sends you.

## Training

Training is offered through the European Training Programme.

First you will gain a broad understanding of what language work is and will study language learning and cultural adaptation through the *Language and Culture Acquisition* course.

Then you will be trained for the project that you'll be doing, through a specific Scripture Use track. Those with musical gifts may take additional courses in ethnomusicology.

For further information about the European Training Programme go to [www.eurotp.org/uk](http://www.eurotp.org/uk)

## The opportunities

Scripture Use specialists often start out by working alongside an established translation project. During this time you will work with the local church to identify obstacles to the use of the Scriptures:

- Can people obtain copies of the New Testament or Scripture booklets easily, and at an affordable price?
- Can people read well enough to use what is available?
- Are local church leaders willing and able to read and preach in the local language?

- Is there any tradition of local Christian music or song writing?

Once the hindrances – and opportunities! - have been identified you will work alongside church leaders, translators or literacy workers to devise appropriate strategies and activities.

At a later stage Scripture Use specialists generally use their skills and experience to encourage and resource a range of projects in the same region or country.

## What skills would you need?

Scripture Use specialists are first and foremost communicators, whether in writing, drama, music, story-telling or art. You will have skills in some or all of these areas, and be enthusiastic about passing these skills on to others. You will need to be creative, flexible, and enjoy working people from a range of cultural backgrounds and church traditions.

If you know from your own experience the power of the Scriptures to change lives, and want to be part of what God is doing around the world, we would like to hear from you.

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Or complete the enquiry form at [www.wycliffe.org.uk/scriptureuse](http://www.wycliffe.org.uk/scriptureuse)

## Finance

Costs vary depending on where in the world you are working. We will draw up a budget for your situation.

Wycliffe positions are not salaried. Wycliffe personnel trust God to meet their needs through a team of prayer and financial partners. Mission is done in partnership with the local sending church, and in reliance on God, who has proved himself faithful to hundreds of Wycliffe members over many years.



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