



Winter 2025 Report

The Hedges Family

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Almost at the End!

My last major workshop with the Day team will happen in April. After fifteen years of plodding, my work with the translation team is finally coming to end. Although I have said this before, I think this time it is for real. The light at the end of the long tunnel is getting bright.

Our goal in April is to zero out our remaining lists. The first is a list of notes concerning the content or meaning of the translation. In March, almost all of these notes were addressed leaving just a handful to finish. The next list is our key terms list. There remain key words that have been translated multiple ways. We want to choose the best way to translate these terms and be consistent.

The remaining lists concern spelling. We still have a list of words that we need to check for proper spelling. One of the spelling lists contains words that

we need to decide whether they should be combined or not. Please pray we can zero these lists out.



Above is a group of Day Christians practicing the "read-through" step last December. Once the Day Bible translation has been approved by Bibles International, the Day team will organize reading groups to read through the Day translation one final time.

For a change up, I plan to meet the Day team in Ndjamena the capital. I won't have the fifteen hour bus ride to Sarh. Plus, I am looking forward to air conditioning (which I do not have in Sarh) since April is one of the hottest months in Chad (110 F and humid!).

What happens after this session? I will need to complete a final checklist before submitting the Day translation to Bibles International for approval. After approval, I will print out the entire Bible for the Day team to read through one last time.

Thank you again for your support. You are helping to bring a thirty-plus-year project to an end. The Day will soon have the entire Word of God in a language that speaks to their heart. We are getting excited!

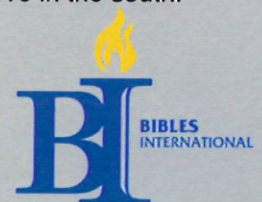
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Background: An aerial view of a small town surrounded by water after the heavy rainy season last year. In 2025, Chad experienced one of the heaviest rainy seasons damaging most of the harvest in the area we serve in the south.

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Praise the LORD!

- **For the Chad trips in December and March** - Joshua and the Day team worked hard covering most of the remaining content notes (changes that affect the meaning). The Day Bible is getting close to being finished!
- **For the Dendi team** making progress on key terms. Joshua met with this team for a few days in February on-line to help them with some of the more difficult key terms. Missionary Ken Beckley is working on the rest of the list with the team.
- **For the LORD's provision** to attend the Bible Translation conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand in October!
- **For Ruth and Emma**, who will graduate in May. Ruth will receive her associates degree from Faith Baptist Bible College, and Emma will receive her high school diploma.

Prayer Requests

- **Pray for Joshua's trip to Chad in April** - This will be Joshua's final session with the Day team! Pray that they can zero out the remaining list of content questions, key terms, and spelling issues. The plan is to submit the text for approval in May. We are getting excited.
- **Pray for Joshua** as he completes the checklist for submitting the Day translation to BI for approval in May after his April trip.
- **Pray for jobs for Ruth, Rebekah, Elianna and Emma** so they can save money for college.
- **Pray for our family** - Pray that our family would love God, His Word, one another, His church and the lost.



We checked off our winter to do list again: Ski, sled, build a snowman and drink hot chocolate.



Background: A fun, slightly mischievous winter activity for us is placing tiny snowmen on our street. The writing on the road reads, "Don't hurt us!"