VISIT A LANGUAGE

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Build relationships with language communities, support Bible translation teams, and witness oral translation in action.

TYPES OF VISIT

Love & Service

- Community Support
- Church & Team Support
- Scripture Engagement

Celebration

- Start or End of a Phase
- Dedication Event
- Run for the Bibleless

Education

- Translation Workshop

ELEMENTS OF ANY VISIT*

**Where possible*

Experience the Culture

- Taste the food
- Visit the market-place
- Visit a local home

Relationship Building

- Meet the local team
- Meet their families
- Attend the local church

Prayer Walking

- Walk the streets
- Pray over the translation rooms and buildings

ELEMENTS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF VISIT

Love & Service

Alongside the standard elements of a trip, this type of visit will involve serving the language community, the church and/or the translation team (team). There are many possibilities for this kind of trip, depending on the **needs of the community** and the **skills and abilities of your mission team**. Here are some examples of possible areas of service:

Community Support

- Agricultural
- Financial
- Medical
- Practical (e.g. painting)

Church & Team Support

- Kids ministry
- Practical (e.g. painting)
- Prayer ministry
- Healing ministry

Scripture Engagement

- Training for the team
- Hosting listening groups
- Door-to-door visits

Celebration

This type of visit will revolve around an event in the language community, and will also include the standard elements of a trip as mentioned above. There are several occasions that you could either be involved in or spectate:

Start or End of a Phase

The community celebrates the arrival of God's Word into their language through the start or completion of translation work that has been selected for that translation phase.

Dedication Event

The community comes together to celebrate receiving God's Word and to dedicate it as a people group. This type of event usually includes the distribution of audio or written Scripture.

Run for the Bibleless

An event where people run, cycle or walk to raise awareness and support for Bibleless people. Held annually in Joburg, SA, in March, as well as in many other areas where translation is taking place.

Education

An opportunity to be present during a translation workshop. The teams work hard through the week either part-time or full-time. You will not be present at every moment so as not to interrupt the work too much, but you will have a rare insight into the life of a translation team.

Instead, along with the standard elements of a trip as mentioned above, you will get to:

- Witness different aspects of the translation process in action
- Hopefully take part in different aspects of the translation process.
- Learn about the translation process and all that is involved
- Meet the wider team including the translation consultant
- Join the translation team for meals, times of devotion and down-time

LOGISTICS & TRAINING

1 What You Do

- Confirm the type of visit
- Confirm the language group
- Advertise & find participants
- Confirm the dates
- Manage your budget
- Manage your food
- Arrange travel & visas
- Arrange accommodation

2 What WSA Offers (optional)

- Advice about visit types & language groups
- Advice about dates, travel, accommodation, and food
- A draft budget based on local costs
- A draft agenda guided by the translation team
- A visit with your church
- Training in testimony-giving, prayer-walking, listening-groups, and the local culture

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3 What WSA Requires

- Visit with your mission team before the trip (virtually or in person)
- WSA representative to go with you
- Local host to guide you and a translator where necessary
- Mission and Culture Orientation before the trip
- Cultural advice - specific to the language group you will visit
- Team debrief after the trip
- Prayer support group at home while you travel

4 What WSA Does

- Liaise with the translation team and local church where you will visit
- Make connections between your chosen ambassador and the translation coordinator or impact partner where you will visit
- Identify a local guide for the entirety of your trip, and a translator where necessary

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