

Video Script Chapter 3: COBT—Four Beliefs

Video 3.1

I want to share with you why Wycliffe Associates believes that the local church within every language group can and should own their own Bible translation.

1. You have the Ability. This includes:

- Linguistic Ability – You understand your language and culture better than an outsider.
- Bilingual Translation Ability - Bilingual speakers, like you, have shared meaning through oral translation (or interpretation) most of your lives. You won't need to spend years learning a new language.
- God-Given Gifts – Each of you have God-given gifts to work as a team.

2. You have the Authority.

God's Spirit lives in every believer. He provides wisdom and gives each of us authority to share, teach, or translate God's Word.

3. You have the Responsibility, or Duty.

The local Church has the responsibility for:

- Evangelism
- Discipleship
- Bible Translation

4. You have the Accountability.

Mother-tongue translators are accountable to God and their community for the accuracy, clarity, and accessibility of Scripture in their heart language