<mark>15   Accessibility – Walkthrough</mark>

(Slide deck, Accessibility Exercise; white board recommended – 30 to 45 min. for discussion and Exercise)

Intro: Accessibility and distribution can be a challenge, especially if the church has not planned ahead. This module is about considering the expectations and options that the community has, so that the translation team can plan from the beginning to make the newly translated Scripture available to their language community.

- **Read** I Thessalonians 2:13. These verses talk about the Thessalonians' response to receiving the Word of God.

The Quality Assessment Guide and the Community Acceptance Plan help translators succeed in producing an acceptable, quality translation of God's Word—but what does that accomplish if the people of the community then cannot access the translation? This session will help you to consider the steps you can take so that the translated Scriptures are available to those who want and need them.

Explain: Accessibility deals with how Scripture will be made available to the people of the language community. It is important to plan for the translation to be available in a format that is easy for the language community to use. Therefore, it is important to consider what kinds of materials people already use and are comfortable with, as well as what they expect. It is likewise important to consider what resources are available.

Ask: Have you talked to the community about accessibility? What have you learned?

Ask: Have you chosen what type of translation you will work on?

Explain: The questions to consider in this discussion will depend on the type of translation your team has chosen to work on: printed, read online, or audio.

(Use the questions below to begin a discussion. The exercise session will give them the opportunity to write down their answers and make a plan.)

Print Translations
1. Do you have plans or ideas about how to print your Bible?
2. What is a common book format and binding?
3. Are there print shops that could print books for you? Do you print materials for yourselves?
4. Are sacred texts printed in a particular format? Binding?

Digital Text Translations
1. Do people have access to digital text? How?
2. Will people read online at bibleineverylanguage.org?

3. Will some people have trouble downloading the translation from bibleineverylanguage.org?
4. If yes, what can the church do to help these people? Could someone be trained to download and teach others?

Audio Translations
1. Think about how your community accesses audio files. Do people listen to audio online?
2. Do people download audio material? What type of device do they commonly use?

Explain: WA can offer support in training how to upload and download material.

(If this is something they want, connect the leaders with WA staff in Information Technology or Tech Advance.)

Exercise Session

Break into smaller groups and use the handout to discuss accessibility. Make a plan using the chart on the final page.

Confirm: The team should now have a plan to release Scripture in an accessible format. The Accessibility Plan should be made available for continued reference.