

## 00 Introduction to WA – Walkthrough

*(Slide deck available if needed – 15 to 30 min.)*

**Ask: What do you think of when you think of Bible translation ministries?**

- Many think mostly of people who go to places far from their own home, to help translate Holy Scripture into a language that has none.

For more than 50 years, Wycliffe Associates has raised funds and recruited volunteers to provide practical support services to Bible translation workers.

In 2014, Wycliffe Associates piloted the first MAST translation event, and trained mother-tongue translators in this new methodology.

**Impact Story from B People of Nepal:** In 2014, a pastor from a small language community of the Himalayan mountains hiked into the city to meet with Wycliffe Associates missionaries about getting Scripture in his language. This young pastor told his brother his exciting discovery: they could launch the translation project themselves, with WA training and support! The two of them began to translate—and to recruit other believers to join them. In November of that year, a group of 13 gathered for training and translation of Scripture using the new MAST process. Within 2 weeks, this exceptional group had translated and checked 48% of the New Testament. They continued to work over the next months, finishing their New Testament in less than 2 years.

The success, then, was immediate: there was unprecedented acceleration of translation!

During the next several years, Wycliffe Associates shifted its support focus to training translators in this new method. We now provide free, open-license resources to translators around the world.

At Wycliffe Associates, our vision is a Bible in every language.

- We seek to involve people in the advancement of **Church-Owned Bible Translation**, through free training and tools. (We'll talk more about Church-Owned Bible Translation in an upcoming session.)
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:6–15 together. Talk about the metaphor of sowing. What does this passage teach us? God desires generosity from his children. We cannot outgive God. WA chooses to serve partners with a generous heart, because God has given so much to us.
- We desire to train and equip partners who can train and equip other partners, in pursuit of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20).

**Ask: Does this match the team's vision?** If not, why not?

**Confirm: Wycliffe Associates is committed to serving the local church in achieving and spreading Bible translation to every language.**