**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