

## Next Steps from Italy

Through my time in Italy and since returning, I've talked a lot about how the role I will have is my calling and passion, so this month I wanted to share a story with you that shows so clearly why this work is important to me. This story takes place the day of the dedication celebration for a New Testament in East Africa. Despite being tired from a day of celebration, the translator took tea and cookies out to her night guard. He asked about the day and she told him about the celebration. He said, "Is this real? Does this book really exist in my language?" She gave him a copy, and "as Ibrahim reached out to accept the book, his broad smile gave way to an expression of amazement. He thanked me profusely. Leaving the rest of his tea, he walked away distractedly, already leafing through the book and scanning each page.

The next morning as I opened my curtains, I spotted him sitting in a chair engrossed in his New Testament. He must have read for a good portion of the night, because I could see that he was already more than halfway through it.



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Please Pray...

1. Pray for Ibrahim, the man in the story, to be impacted by God's Word and to give his heart to Christ.
2. Pray that God will show you who you can bring to my team so we can make it to 100%.
3. Pray that God will give me discipline and focus over the next few months so I can work with dedication to reach 100%.

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[Ibrahim's full story](#)

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I went out to greet him. Hoping I would not scold him for shirking his duty as a guard, he grinned sheepishly as he admitted, "You caught me."

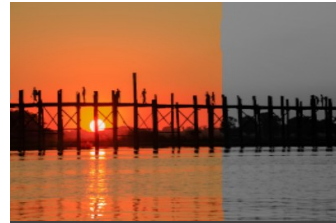
This man is a member of another majority religion in the country, but he was so enraptured by God's Word that he read all night! People are hungry for God's Word. This is why we translate! This is why you read my newsletters, pray, give financially, AND spread the word. YOU are a part as well.

So here's where we are: Right now I am at 65%, which means that there is only 35% to go! Take a moment to savor how incredible that number is - less than half to go, only 35%! In order to reach this goal, I will need to expand my circle to meet more people, and this is where you come in. You know people I don't know! Find someone else you know who might be interested in Bible translation and share my ministry with them. You can talk to you missions pastor, have me speak to your small group, or simply invite one friend to meet for coffee. Together we can make it "1 by 1 to August"!

**Yes, I would like to Advocate!**

## Pete and Carole Unseth

*One of my strongest supporters have been my parents-in-law, Pete and Carole Unseth. They work with Wycliffe Bible Translators, and started their ministry in a little village in Ethiopia. Though their lives have brought them through many changes, they continue to serve God faithfully and are integral in sending many to the field as Bible translators. They have advocated for me and my work with Pioneer Bible Translators in many ways, and I am so thankful for them!*



Only 35% to go! We are getting so close!

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### Toddler Times

We have a new member of our family! Jamie received a baby doll as a gift from her cousin and she is in love. It came with a pacifier and changeable clothes, but no diapers. Jamie has been begging for a doll that really drinks and "wets". This doll does not do that, but it does fit into her old cloth diapers, which is an



Pete and Carole with Jamie, a couple of years ago!  
Read their testimony on my website.

acceptable substitute since she can change the baby's diaper. I knew I invested in those diapers for good reason :) Sadly for Jamie, she is not allowed to bring baby to daycare. Today as we left the house Jamie said, "Baby learned to crawl today." I said, "Oh wow, that's great!" Jamie replied matter-of-factly, "She is crawling after us because she wants to go with us." Poor baby!

"We worked in Ethiopia doing Bible translation with a language group where many were Christians, but few knew much of the Bible. They wanted to learn more, but few could understand a language in which the Bible was available. As some of the more educated ones read the Bible, they read that God commanded that people burn animal sacrifices for their sins. So, they burned a sheep, thinking this was what God wanted..."

[Pete and Carole's full testimony](#)



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