



BIBLE SOCIETY OF GHANA TO LAUNCH HISTORIC NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE IN BONO LANGUAGE

July, 2024 - In a landmark moment for the Bono and Ahafo communities and the Christian community, the Bible Society of Ghana in conjunction with the Bono and Ahafo traditional Councils proudly announce the launch of the first-ever New Testament Bible in the Bono language.

The official launch ceremony will be held at the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in Sunyani on July 28, 2024, at 9:00 am. This momentous occasion will be a mammoth gathering of Bono and Ahafo patriots including religious leaders, dignitaries and esteemed members of the Bono, Ahafo and Bono East communities, to celebrate this historic achievement.

Seven years of dedicated effort by the Bible Society of Ghana has culminated in the publishing of the Bono New Testament. This translation will make the Bible accessible to millions of Bono speakers across Ghana and beyond.

"We are filled with joy to bring God's Word to the great Bono people in your cherished mother tongue," said Very Rev. Dr. John Kwesi Addo Jnr, General Secretary of the Bible Society of Ghana. "This represents a dream fulfilled for many, and we believe it will profoundly impact the lives of Bono speakers and preserve the Bono language for centuries to come."

The launch event promises to be a captivating experience, featuring scripture readings, cultural performances, and inspiring speeches, all emphasizing the significance of the Bono Bible. My dear Bono brother and sister, irrespective of where you are located, you are specially invited to be our distinguished guest.

History of the Bono Bible Translation Project

The Bono Bible Translation Project is an initiative undertaken by the Bible Society of Ghana to deliver the Bible to the Bono people of the Brong-Ahafo Region. Here's a brief timeline of key milestones:

The Bono Bible Translation Project was officially launched in August 2017, generating immense excitement within the Bono community. This project was aimed to bridge the gap created by the absence of a Bible in their native language.

The Bible Society strives to make God's Word available, affordable and accessible to Ghanaians in their preferred language and format. This is backed by Research data

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which indicates a deeper understanding of faith is fostered when the Bible is read in one's mother tongue.

The project has garnered overwhelming support from clergy, traditional authorities, and the Bono people themselves. The anticipated benefits of the Bono Bible include:

- A useful resource for pulpit ministry and personal Christian devotion
- Reduced stigma associated with speaking Bono publicly.
- Enhanced efforts in evangelism.
- Deeper understanding of the Scriptures.
- Promotion of Bono language literacy and cultural identity.
- Preserve the Bono language

We are grateful to the Bible Society of Netherlands and the American Bible Society and the many Ghanaians who supported the project financially.

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