

# God's Invisible Hand



## Let's read the Bible

**2 Kings** 25:6-17  
**1Chron** 9:1-16  
17:1-14

## We consider together

God loves to see us working together. Let us pray that more churches, missionaries, and national people work together so that they will see God's wonderful deeds!



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Have you ever planted seeds before? Even when you plant a seed in the morning and the sun shines the whole day through, nothing sprouts tomorrow. There is no change for at least a few days. Sometimes we even wonder whether the seed has rotted or not. But just like a miracle, one day you will see a sprout that has broken out of the soil to shyly reveal its face. The joy and surprise felt then is amazing.

Because of the success of scientific technology, actions that used to take a long time are now done instantly. Paths for walking are now roads for cars, and places that once took a few months by ship can now be reached in a day by plane.

Even today, translating the New Testament takes more than ten years. In remote places it can even take more than thirty years. So could you believe that the New Testament was translated in only four years? Nico and Pam Daams saw this happening in the Kapingamarangi tribe in the year 2000. Over twenty local translators as well as more than seventy Scripture reviewers finished translating the New Testament in four years. For more than ten years the Kapingamarangi had saved up some money while waiting for the translation project to begin. The former SIL director had continuously told others of the need for a Kapingamarangi missionary translator whenever he had the chance. Everyone thought that it was because of his earnest wish that such a miracle had happened. But little did people know that before all of this, an old man had been praying for the translation project.

"Lohete was a Kapingamarangi man who had received a Bible in the Phonpeian language many years before. Pohnpeian is a Micronesian language, completely different from Kapingamarangi, a Polynesian language. Nevertheless, Lohete longed to read the Bible, so he taught himself Phonpeian and, as he read, he came to know Jesus. Lohete wanted others to know the good news that he had discovered, but he knew that most people would never teach themselves Pohnpeian as he had done. So he started praying for someone to help translate the Bible into his language. We never knew Lohete, and his son was already an old man by the time we came to help, but when we heard this story, we knew that God had sent us in answer to Lohete's prayers.

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Bible translation is not done by the strengths of only one or two 'heroes.' Translations are often done by people who are left unnamed. Ultimately, our God, who has a plan for everything, hears our prayers and fulfills it in His time. It is like how a seed sown under the earth grows without us knowing, later coming out of the earth to sprout. At this very moment, the Kapingamarangi tribe has finished the Old Testament translations, the New Testament translations have started, and they are praying for the Bible to be published next year. Let us pray together with the Kapingamarangi so that they complete the translations successfully by next year.