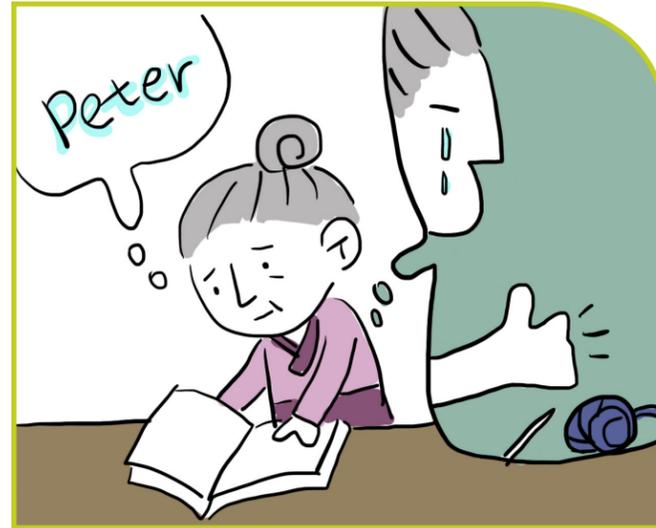
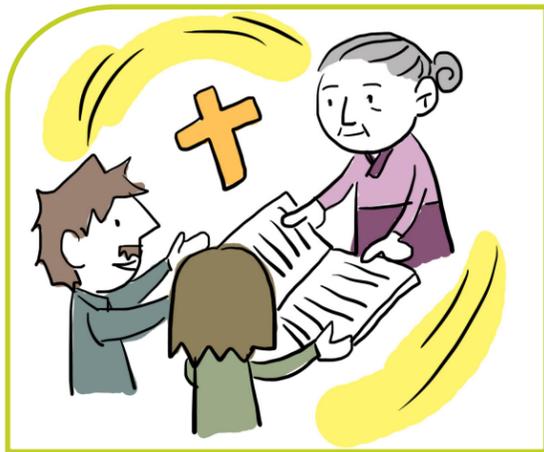


The Bible *Written in a thumb*



Let's read the Bible

Haggai 2:1-10
Zechariah 21:14-25
Matthew 1:16-25

We consider together

Thank you God for pouring your love through my grandparents. Please help me love them more and keep them healthier and happier than ever before.



What is the most precious thing you own from everything you have had so far? Yeno and Grace had a very important book. But it was not a book made with nice paper, pretty writing, and colourful pictures in it. It was a book that a grandmother had written herself. The only fingers she had were two thumbs. But she wrote her book more beautifully than anyone else who would have had all ten of their fingers. What kind of book did she write? It was none other than the first book of the New Testament, the Book of Matthew.

Yeno and Grace, two missionaries, lived with the Dawn tribe (pseudonym), and were working on translations to create a Bible into their language. To help them with their work, they were gathering stories about the Dawn tribe. The stories that the grandmother were telling them were so fun, Yeno and Grace listened to them for hours at a time. But one day they saw that her health was very poor, and they thought that they should tell her about the gospel before it was too late. Thankfully, the grandmother accepted the gospel very well.

Yeno and Grace showed this grandmother a movie about Jesus. She saw it many times, and loved the disciple Peter the most. She thought that his enthusiasm was very much like hers. When she was little, she had gotten frostbite while running away from a war on her mother's back, and they had to amputate all of her fingers except for her thumbs. But this did not stop her from working hard, and because she had great talent doing things with her hands, she even won a prize in a national competition of embroidery.

When she saw that no one was on Jesus' side when he was nailed to the cross, she was filled with sadness and anger. Her heart opened up and she told Yeno and Grace, "There must be God's will as I see you came from Korea and met with me, who lives in one of the most remotest regions of my country. I am sure that God has mercy on me and sent you to me."

After hearing about the gospel, and watching the movie, the grandmother wished to know more about Jesus, but there was no Bible in the language of the Dawn people, only in the official language of her country. She did not know the official language very well, and could not fully understand Jesus and the gospel by reading the Bible in this language. She said, "I wish I could have the Bible in my own language..." Yeno and Grace heard this, and was able to finish the Book of Matthew in just a few weeks, and this is how the Bible translation for the Dawn people began.

Not long after the Book of Matthew was translated, the grandmother passed away. When Yeno and Grace showed up to her funeral, they found out that she had kept a Bible that she had written herself as her most precious treasure. She copied down the Bible, word to word, while reading it in her own language. According to tradition, the Dawn tribespeople buried her with a copy of the Bible that she had treasured the most, and Yeno and Grace kept the original copy of the Bible that she had written with her own two thumbs.

God finished the Bible translations through

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