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**IBS PASSES 400-MILLION MARK IN TOTAL SCRIPTURES DISTRIBUTED**

International Bible Society (IBS), the translation sponsor of the New International Version of the Bible, recently surpassed the 400-million mark in total number of Scriptures distributed worldwide.

IBS has distributed more than 402 million Scriptures since its founding in 1809. In addition, IBS has translated the Bible into 88 of the world's major languages and, in conjunction with Wycliffe Bible Translators, has published God's Word in more than 660 languages.

Through a ministry alliance with Gospelcom's Bible Gateway, IBS provides online Scriptures to virtually every corner of the world. Beginning in 1995 with the NIV and in 1996 with the Arabic Bible, IBS has put 40 translations online in various digital formats. "While the scope of the Bible Society's ministry has widened since 1809, our goal remains the same—evangelism," said IBS President Peter Bradley.

"We accomplish that goal through translating and reaching out with Scriptures. We have committed ourselves to making the Word of God available to anyone who truly wants it." Vice President Tom Youngblood added,

"For nearly 200 years we have worked diligently to provide appropriate Scriptures to people—from prison inmates to children, youth, disaster/crisis victims and many more, we have planted the seed of God's Word. It's hard to know the impact of 400 million Scriptures on the lives of men and women around the world. But we are confident the Word has done its work and has sprouted and matured and increased the population of heaven."

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