

SHARE LIGHT

Hosting a Share Light Campaign in your Community

User Guide

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Let's Share Light Together!

We can be the generation that sees the Scripture translated for every tribe and nation by 2033!

This is becoming a reality because of what God is doing through the illumiNations Movement. IllumiNations is a collective impact alliance of ten Bible translation agencies representing more than 90% of all the translation work on earth. Since 2010, they have been unified around one goal: to eradicate Bible poverty by 2033!

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Share Light is the global campaign designed to help God's people rally around this vision and empower people in their communities to raise awareness concerning Bible poverty and call those they influence to action.

This user guide is designed to walk you, as a leader in your church or community, through the practical steps of hosting a *Share Light* Campaign in your congregation, campus community, Bible study group or other community related environment.

We look forward to taking this journey together!

For His Fame!

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The illumiNations Movement Overview:

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As the Church, we are being invited to play a role in accomplishing the All Access goals to eradicate Bible poverty by 2033. If every church plays a role, this project can be completed in our lifetime. Let's Share Light together!



All Access Goals 2033:

- 95% of the world's population will have access to a full Bible.
- 99.96% of the world's population will have access to a New Testament.
- 100% of the world's population will have access to at least some portion of Scripture.
- 2 viable Bible translations will be available in the world's most strategic 100 written languages.

Hosting a Share Light Campaign in your Church or Community:

Overview: We believe that when the Body of Christ rallies around the cause of the nearly 1-Billion people without the Scripture in their heart language, the 2033 All Access goals will be accomplished.

This user guide is designed to give you an overview of what hosting a *Share Light* Campaign could look like for you. We have designed *Share Light* to be completely customizable. We have provided tools that could be used in a fully immersive 4-week experience, complete with a small group curriculum and sermon notes, a 15-minute vision cast and call to action in your Sunday gathering. As the host, you can decide what will work best for your audience.

Process for Hosting a *Share Light* Campaign in your church or community

Step 1: Watch the “Hosting *Share Light* Campaign” Overview Video.

<https://www.sharelight2033.com/host>

<https://open.life.church/illuminations>

Goal of hosting a *Share Light* Campaign in your church or community:

To raise awareness about the 1 Billion Bibleless people around the world so that they would lend their voice and financially support the translation of Scripture.

Option 1: *Share Light* Day

Option 2: Fully Immersive, 4-Week *Share Light* Experience

Option 3: 15 Minute *Share Light* Vision Cast and Hosting Moment

Option 4: Customized Experience for your Community

Step 2: Download all of the tools that you’ll need here <https://www.sharelight2033.com/host> to begin your campaign!

Step 3: Fill out a *Share Light* “Report” after you host your Campaign. This will be emailed to you once the date for your Campaign passes.

Sample Campaign Formats:

Option 1: *Share Light* Day

Overview: Choose a day on your community calendar that would be the most conducive to hosting a *Share Light* Day. Typically, this would be gathering times when the majority of your people are together (i.e. weekend worship gatherings, etc).

During this day, you would dedicate your entire gathering time to *Share Light*. A sample gathering could look like:

- Utilize the customizable social media assets to post through your social channels leading up to your *Share Light* day. <https://www.sharelight2033.com/host>
- Have your Bible study groups use one week of the *Share Light* small group curriculum
- Show a *Share Light* video
- Use a sample sermon outline
- Cast the *Share Light* Vision and issue a Call to Action
- Host *Share Light* giving campaign by having your people text '**Share**' to **474747**

(See *Share Light* giving section for other methods of giving)

Option 2: Fully Immersive, 4-Week *Share Light* Experience

Overview: By choosing this option, you would be leading your church or community group through a full 4-week immersive experience around Scripture engagement. This would be particularly fitting for those who want to engage their people more deeply in the Word, while at the same time casting vision around those who do not have Scripture in their heart language.

Week 1: Utilize week one of *Share Light* small group curriculum begin introducing the vision in your large group gathering by utilizing the sermon notes and video resources.

Week 2-3: Repeat the steps used in week one by using the appropriate small group and large group gathering resources.

Week 4: Host a *Share Light* Day following the steps listed above.

Throughout all four weeks: Utilize the customizable social media assets to post through your social channels leading up to your Share Light day

<https://www.sharelight2033.com/shareimages/>

Option 3: 15 Minute *Share Light* Vision Cast

Overview: This option best fits a community setting where the people are already familiar with Bible poverty and/ or *illumiNations*. In this option you would do the following in your large group gathering:

- Show a *Share Light* video
- Cast the *Share Light* Vision and issue a Call to Action
- Host *Share Light* giving campaign by having your people text **'Share'** to **474747**

(See Share Light giving section for other methods of giving)

Option 4: Customized Experience for your Community

Overview: In this option, you would take the tools created by the *Share Light*/ *illumiNations* team and create an experience that best reflects the needs of your community context.

Share Light Giving Options:

All options are on www.sharelight2033.com/give

1. Give via www.sharelight2033.com/give
2. Give via our Text2Give platform: Text 'Share' to 474747
3. Give via check or electronic transfer.

Share Light/ illumiNations FAQs:

How many languages are in need of translation?

3,876 languages have little to no Scripture.

What does my \$35 dollars cover?

Every verse that is translated goes through these six steps (and others) to ensure accuracy and clarity:

1. First Draft: study and produce a first draft.
2. Team Check: together translators check each verse for accuracy and clarity.
3. Community Testing: drafts are shared with local speakers to gauge how well the text communicates. Is it clear? Is it easy to read and understand in the mother tongue? Is it accurate?
4. Back Translation: the team translates drafts “back” into a major language for an advisor to evaluate who speaks a language other than their own.
5. Consultant Check: biblical scholars check the translation for quality and accuracy.
6. Proofread: rigorously proofread for errors before publication.

What are the average costs for Bible translations?

\$35 translates a verse

\$1,000 translates an average chapter

\$60,000 provides 1 year of translation progress

\$120,000 provides translation for portions of Scripture

\$420,000 translates the New Testament

\$960,000 translates the Full Bible

What is the difference between illumiNations and Share Light?

IllumiNations is a collective impact alliance of Bible translation partners and resource partners working together to eradicate Bible poverty in this generation. Share Light is the global Church mobilization campaign working to raise awareness and financial support to accomplish the goals of illumiNations.

How can I see all of the Bible Translation projects happening around the world?

<https://illuminations.bible/projects>

Who are the ten Bible Translation agencies working to accomplish this goal?

American Bible Society, Biblica, Deaf Bible Society, Lutheran Bible Translators, Pioneer Bible Translators, Seed Company, SIL, The Word for the World, United Bible Societies, and Wycliffe USA.

What if I have other ideas of involvement that I would like to propose? (i.e. concert or book tours, conferences or other partnership opportunities)

Email aaron@futurecitynow.com and Aaron will respond directly.

IllumiNations Prayer

God, Your Word is more precious than all that I possess.

(from PSALM 19:10)

Your Scripture gives light to my path and directs my steps.

(from PSALM 119:105)

Through Your will alone, lives are transformed and minds made new.

(from ROMANS 12:2)

So I now pray for all people that do not yet know You.

(from 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-6)

For You've promised that Your voice by every tribe and nation will be heard.

(from REVELATION 7:9)

So equip us by Your breath to provide every heart language with Your Word.

(from 2 TIMOTHY 3:15-17)

Pray for those without God's Word in the language they understand best

When we pray for people to receive Scripture in their heart language for the first time, we experience our heavenly Father's joy (Luke 15:3-7). Ask our Father to speed up and empower the work of Bible translation in areas where languages exist without one verse of Scripture.

Pray for the global Church

Ask that local church leaders and translators be raised up to initiate and pursue the goal of having God's Word in the language they understand best. For those that are anticipating the completion of translation projects, pray for daily engagement of the Scriptures and transformation of the communities.

Pray for the Deaf

70 million people in the world use sign language to communicate on a daily basis and yet 95% of the 400 unique sign languages have no Bible translation. Ask that through Deaf partner ministries, the doors of communication for the Deaf will be opened for those who have been marginalized (Isaiah 29:18).

Pray for the Bible translation movement

Ask God to use the power of divine unity among the Bible translation organizations to bring Scripture to every people group in the world in the language they understand best (2 Corinthians 1:21-22).