



Feast on the Bible's big meal –
to draw strength for today and tomorrow

Bible Ministry worldwide – Making God's Word available

FACTS AND FIGURES – August 2007

- There are estimated to be around **6,900 languages in the world today**. If you want to explore the nature of any of these languages there is a search engine on the site www.ethnologue.com
- At 31 December 2006, people who speak **2,426 languages, have at least one Bible book** translated into their heart language. That's **35%** of all languages.
- **429 languages have a complete Bible**. That's only **6.2%** of the world's languages.
- **It is estimated that up to 2 billion people** in the world today **cannot read**, through illiteracy or blindness – a major challenge for Bible Societies in reaching them with God's Word. **Only 45 languages** have a complete Bible in **Braille**.
- **There are 145 Bible Societies and offices** working around the world today in **over 200 countries**. They act in fellowship as members of the **United Bible Societies** to ensure a **strategic approach to both Bible Translation and distribution**.
- **In 2006** the National Bible Society of Ireland distributed **34,400 Scriptures locally** - part of an estimated global programme of **400 million Scriptures** by sister Bible Societies. These comprised:

Bibles:	25,730,357
Testaments:	13,672,564
Portions:	23,960,726
Selections:	329,759,187
- **The countries being supported by NBSI in 2007 may cover more than one project and use print, audio, film and other media:**

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