

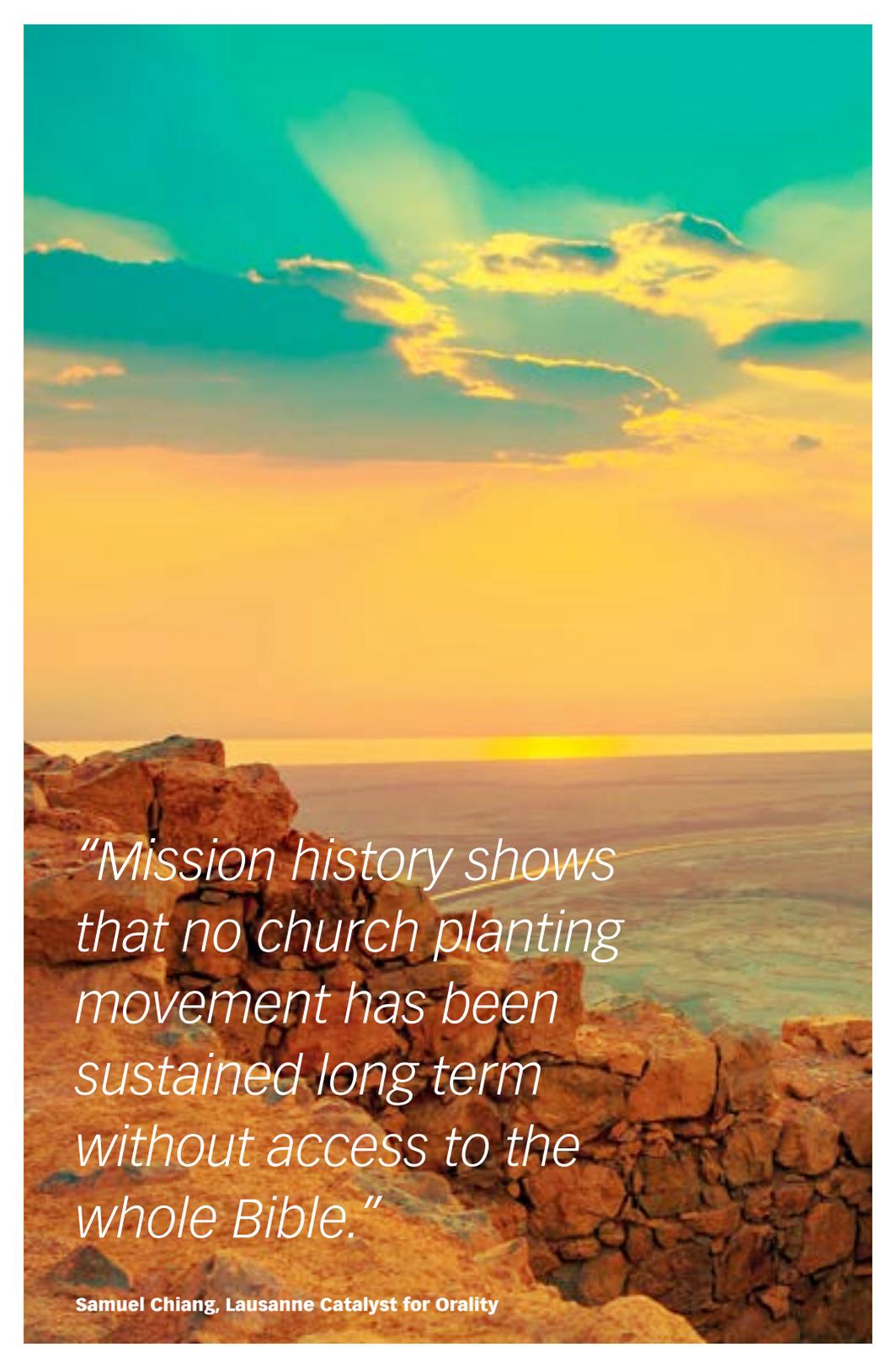
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“Mission history shows that no church planting movement has been sustained long term without access to the whole Bible.”

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The 4.2.20 Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization committed to advancing access and engagement with the whole Word of God for every language, culture & people.

4.2.20 is the numeric representation of the letters of the Hebrew word 'Davar', which means the 'Word'. 4,220 also symbolizes the remaining task, with over 4,000 languages still requiring a translation of the Old Testament.

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Why Whole Word?

The Old Testament is foundational for understanding Jesus' Gospel of the Kingdom and is critical to building and sustaining disciple-making movements.



Yet, only 7% of the world's languages have the full Bible.



And only 1 in 5 Bible translation projects focus on translating the Old Testament.



Why Whole World?

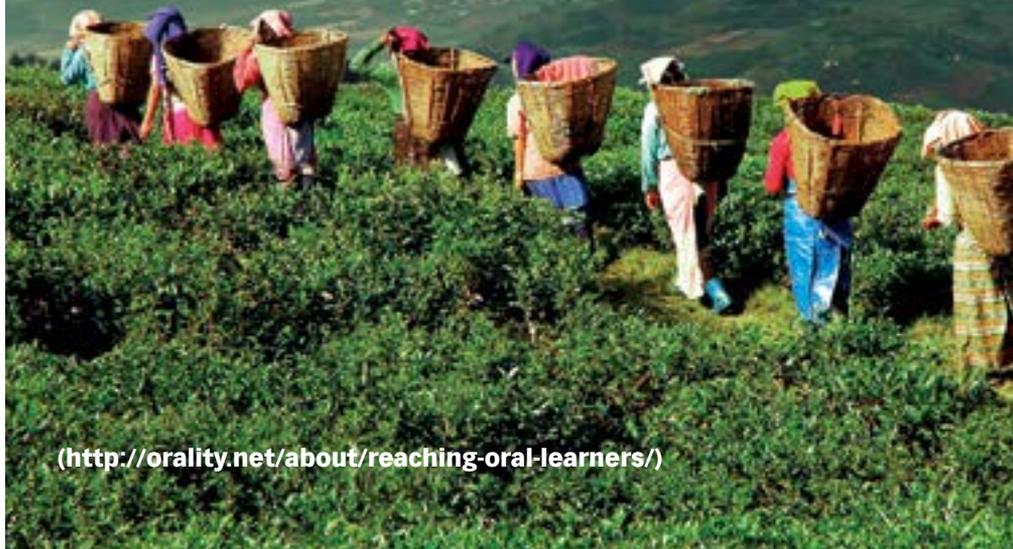


80% of the world's population are oral learners - people who do not read or prefer to learn by oral means.

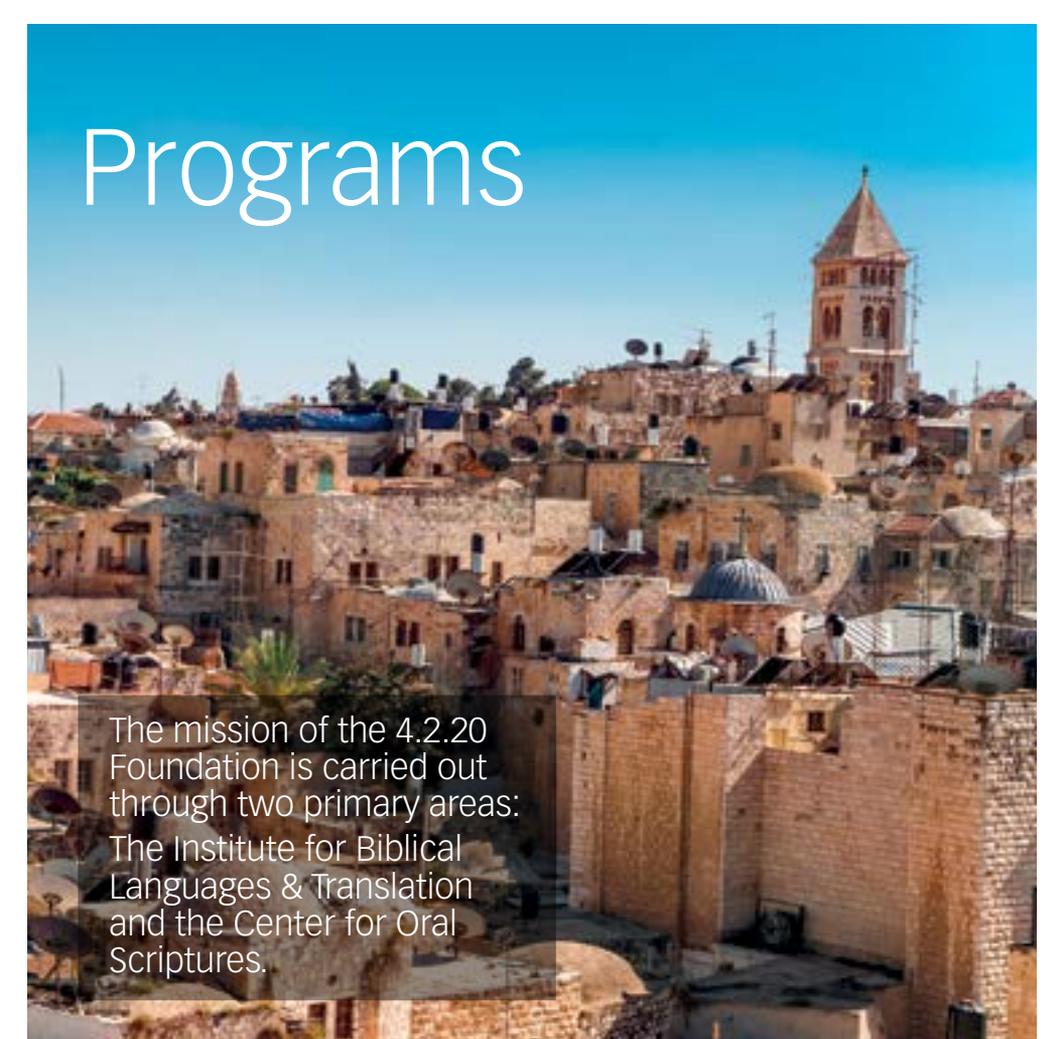


To truly make disciples of all nations we must enable access and engagement with God's Word in every language in audio and other oral forms.

(<http://orality.net/about/reaching-oral-learners/>)



Programs

An aerial photograph of a historic town, likely Jerusalem, showing a dense cluster of stone buildings with a prominent church tower in the background. The sky is clear and blue.

The mission of the 4.2.20 Foundation is carried out through two primary areas: The Institute for Biblical Languages & Translation and the Center for Oral Scriptures.

Institute for Biblical Languages & Translation

The goal of the Institute is to train sufficient consultants, checkers and mother tongue translators so that translation of the Old Testament can begin in every language by the year 2033.

The Institute supports and resources existing Bible translation initiatives as a learning and research center, training mother tongue translators in biblical Hebrew and native Hebrew speakers as translation consultants.

The Institute is working strategically to accelerate the training process without loss of quality, drawing from both the expertise of premier institutions and programs and the unique context and culture of the Holy Land.



Center for Oral Scriptures

For all oral learners to be able to engage effectively with the full Bible, translation efforts must go hand in hand with research and training, as well as creative and strategic initiatives among oral learners.

Located in Israel and networking globally, the Center serves as the intersection point between the language, context and culture of the Hebrew Bible and the oral world. The Center seeks to enhance outreach and transformation among oral learners by highlighting the significance of the oral culture of the Bible as applied to its target oral contexts.

The Center achieves this through specialized research and training for universities and seminaries, and by equipping missions workers, church leaders and Bible scholars globally with the necessary tools to engage oral learners with the Word of God.

“And they sang a new song, saying:
‘You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals, because you
were slain, and with your blood you
purchased for God persons from
every tribe and language and people
and nation.’”

– Rev. 5:9 (NIV)

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