



## Celebrating 50 years Wycliffe Netherlands

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Dear partners,

We so enjoyed our online celebration on Saturday June the 27th! It was a beautiful digital livestream, and lots of people joined. We've heard from many people that they were touched and encouraged by the celebration. In this newsletter we share the highlights of this event. We also want to use this opportunity to encourage you.

During the livestream we showed a [video](#) on 50 years Wycliffe Netherlands, with the first director, Piet Koen, and the current director Bram van Grootheest. Dutch members Kees Jan and Mirjam shared about their work in Cambodia. They started work in an area with no Christians at all. Now, 15 years later, there are about 100 Christians who together celebrated the dedication of the New Testament. One of the new believers is their friend So Phy. She shared her testimony in the livestream, and expressed how much her life has changed because of God's Word in her language.

**Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord. - Psalm 117**

You can view the celebration [here](#) on our YouTube channel. It is mostly in Dutch, but the automatic English translation might help you understand. And [here](#) you find the version in Dutch sign language.



First Wycliffe Netherlands' director  
Piet Koen



Bible dedication in Cambodia

### Thank you!

From all over the world we received congratulations. We feel very encouraged to read that you rejoice with us, and that together we can thank God for the great things He has done.

## The message of Ann Voskamp

Ann Voskamp, known from her book *One thousand gifts* made a [video](#) for us. In this video of 25 minutes (in English), she says: *"His Word cannot be broken, but His word breaks idols, breaks the darkness, breaks brokenness. His Word cannot be broken. It's for you. To break the brokenness of you, to break the brokenness of the world. Read God and you could meet life"*.

## Thankaton

Preceding the celebration livestream we took time to thank hundreds of our faithful supporters. One afternoon in May, the office staff in the Netherlands called as many donors as possible individually, to thank them for their support and engagement with Wycliffe. We asked them how they got involved and why they choose to be part of the Bible translation movement. This brought us many valuable conversations and a chance to invite people personally for the celebration livestream.

## Jubilee magazine and book

Our annual magazine had a special jubilee edition. It includes a lot of beautiful stories, and a photo series of 50 years Wycliffe Netherlands. We are longing for people in the Netherlands to hear and read about the power of God's Word. Later this year, in September, we therefore are planning to publish a special book. We have collected 50 stories about the impact of God's Word on the lives of people. Every story comes with a part of Scripture and a beautiful picture. The stories are mostly written down by our field workers, and some by pastors, artists and supporters of our work.

## Praise & prayer

-  Praise God for calling people in the Netherlands into the Bible translation ministry, 50 years ago. Thank God for all the Wycliffe members who have been part of this mission since then.
-  Thank God for all those who support the mission of Wycliffe Netherlands, with prayer, time and finances. Pray for our members and supporters to continue to be faithful and joyful in this work.
-  Pray for the future of Wycliffe Netherlands, trusting that God provides.



Ann Voskamp



## Song

**U spreekt mijn taal/  
You speak my language**



Martine, the daughter of two of our members, wrote this [song](#), especially for the celebration. The song is mostly in Dutch, but it includes some passages in other languages, including sign language. She is currently working on a version with English subtitles.