



August 2026 Newsletter

August's Mission Spotlight

illumiNations

IllumiNations is an alliance of Bible translation agencies and resource partners working together with generous givers to eradicate Bible poverty. Of the more than 7,000 known languages in the world, approximately 2,800 have limited or no access to Scripture.

Of those, 494 people groups do not have even a single verse of Scripture in a language they best understand, representing over 15 million people. While many people may learn additional languages for trade or other purposes, they need the Scriptures in the language they learned first – the language of their hearts – their mother tongue language. They need to know that God speaks their language!

The primary operational focus of the illumiNations alliance forms around the current 6,000+ languages with an estimated vitality (spoken by enough people) that suggests Scripture translation is needed. By 2033, we envision that 95% of all people will have access to the Bible, and that 100% of the world's most strategic written languages will be available in two useable translations.

Annual operating expenses can vary greatly in different parts of the world and for different portions of Scripture. On average, a translation project costs \$60k per year. Spry Church is currently partnering with illumiNations in a Bible completion project that will bring the whole of Scripture to a group of over 2 million people in a part of the world with restricted access to the Christian faith. This project will also help to “unlock” translation into related languages.

As a strategic partner, Spry Church joins a growing alliance of faith communities committed to helping people around the world encounter the transformative power of Scripture in the language that best speaks to their heart. Prayer cards are being made available so our congregation can pray for this unreached people.

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Sign up to volunteer on Church Center or the Spry Church website. All open dates and information can be found there.

Mid-Year Partner & Financial (1/1-6/30) Updates

The Tipton Family in Japan: The Tipton's continue their efforts in learning language skills to be able to connect with the Japanese and share the Good News in a meaningful way. They recently completed a successful VBS. We donated \$1,500 towards this program from the mission budget.

NLCH: The Children's Home had a significant shift, including 14 new children arriving as well as several others transitioning out due to reaching adulthood and a few returning to a now safe home environment. A team spent a week this summer assisting the home with various needs and spending time with the children. \$1,000 is sent to the Children's Home monthly.

Good News Global: We hosted an Unbarred meeting late winter. Unbarred is a group of people who have been released from prison and have given their lives to Christ. They meet quarterly at various churches in the area. Two people from Spry Church are going inside York County Prison to share the good news. There are 5 people writing letters to those inside York County Prison. \$3,350.35 has been donated thus far.

illumiNations: Members of the missions team met with illumiNations rep Dana Brennan on June 30, during his visit to our area. The team communicated our decision to partner with illumiNations for the Northern Luri people Bible translation. This will be an amount of \$1000 per month beginning in August.

School at Batey 35: The school is working on replacing the chain gate at the entrance to improve security as well as an upgrade to the bathroom building. Three members of Spry spent 9 days in the DR with a team from CABC, assisting as needed. \$1,000 is sent to the school monthly, mainly to support teacher salaries.

LifePath: We had 14 volunteers from Spry Church serving in June, as well as one evening of our Youth Group having a game night at the Family Campus with the kids. The activities were Bingo, Birthday Celebration for the adults at the Family Campus, 2 different days of Food Prep, and 2 different days of Ministry of Presence. \$999.44 has been donated thus far from the mission budget.

Spry Church Food Pantry: Spry Food Pantry is filling 35-40 boxes for families every Thursday morning and 10-12 families on the 2nd Monday of each month as a monthly box. We also pray with our friends that are facing difficult situations such as job loss, death of a family member, house fire or just needing a friend to talk to. They receive \$1300 a month from the mission budget.