

Bible Translation Ministry

WHEREAS the entire Bible has been translated into only 295 languages, the New Testament into only 552, and portions into 1,387 more, leaving over 3000 language groups with no Scripture at all to read in their mother tongue; and

WHEREAS historically, people have responded to the gospel as they have received it in the mother tongue; and

WHEREAS the mission agencies approved by the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches have recognized the essential seed for growing truly indigenous, reproducing churches in any culture to be the translated Scripture and have therefore translated it into dozens of tongues; and

WHEREAS missionaries of GARBC approved agencies have found existing Bible societies unable to serve their Bible translation needs, either because of theological differences or lack of resources; and

WHEREAS Baptist Mid-Missions has founded Bibles International to serve the Bible translation and publication needs of its own missionaries and those of other fundamental, separated agencies, based on and expressing firm commitment to verbal, plenary inspiration;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 57th Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, on June 27 to July 1, 1988, hereby express our gratitude to those who have faithfully given of themselves in a sacrificial manner to provide for such a needed service; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we recommend Bibles International to the churches for their enthusiastic support; that we urge young people to consider the needs and opportunities of the Scripture translation missionary ministry; and that we commit ourselves to pray for the people yet without Scripture as well as those who have no witnessing local church among them and for those who labor to provide written Scriptures for them

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