Open Source Mission

A New Challenge for the Global Church

Open Source Mission is a new global initiative to translate and distribute gospel-centered books and articles in as many languages as possible. Our work is driven by two convictions: it's critical, and it's possible.

Critical. Evangelicalism is growing at an unprecedented rate in Asia, Africa, and Latin America—but a majority of the biblical resources produced for training and equipping pastors and laypersons are inaccessible in those regions because of economic and linguistic barriers.

This reality has created a vacuum of theological instruction for this growing segment of the Church, and we believe it is critical to fill it with biblically-sound materials as quickly as possible.
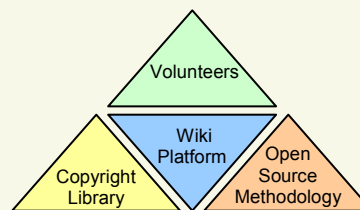
Possible. Until recently, this would be very difficult. But with the advent of web-based mass collaboration projects such as Wikipedia, it became possible to overcome the translation and distribution obstacles that currently keep Christian publishing largely confined to the English-speaking world.

What we hope to do is coordinate the efforts of churches, ministries, and individuals to produce high-quality translations of sound theological texts and distribute them as cheaply and efficiently as possible.

A 21st Century Model for Translation Ministry

The most important part of our model will always be the passion and diligence of our volunteer translators. The model we use to equip them for fruitful ministry hinges on:

- **A Copyright Library**. OSM has already secured copyrights to the resources from several major ministries, so individual translators don't have to. And our library will only get bigger.

- **Building a Volunteer Network**. OSM's translators benefit from the input and assistance of others in our global network, and a team-oriented approach means individuals can collaborate to make even very large projects manageable and realistic.

- **The OSM Wiki Platform**. We want to make our translators' work as easy as possible, which is why we built the OSM wiki off the same platform as Wikipedia. That means our translators' work is supported by the best software and most popular interface available.

- **An "Open Source" Methodology**. The open source model helps us achieve both quantity and quality in the translations we produce, and we are constantly refining our methodology so that it is as simple, efficient, and effective as possible.

Volunteers

Copyright Library | Wiki Platform | Open Source Methodology

Making a difference is as easy as

Learn more about our projects and volunteer needs by visiting our website

Contact our ministry coordinator to ask about projects in your language(s)

Spread the word about OSM to your friends, family, coworkers, and blogging network