

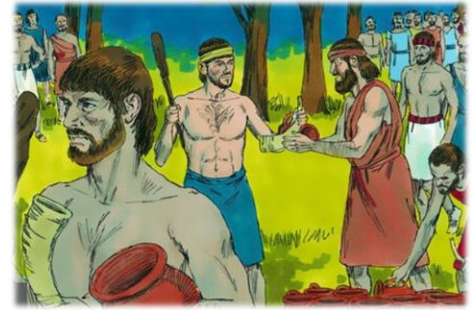
Oof! It is  
hot n crispy  
now!

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## Unlikely Recruits and Cheap Vessels



The last few weeks I've been working on Honey Bee's E2T (Easy-to-Translate) version for Judges and Hebrews, adding images and audio to the freshly drafted and checked text. **Cheap vessels** have been occupying my mind. You know the story: Yahweh chose fearful, doubting Gideon to be his boots on the ground to rout the



enemy. Then he chose a small band of men who failed the army recruitment drinking test. Then he equipped those dubious but willing "soldiers" with cheap clay jars (night piss pots, likely!) to contain their torches. Strange, "weapons" ... but intentionally chosen to keep the rescuers humble and dependent upon the true Hero-Savior.

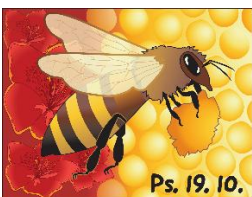
I wonder if Paul was thinking of these easily broken pottery pots releasing fiery torches to light up the night when he penned verse 4:7 of his letter to the Corinthians?

Since returning from attending the **Oral Bible Translation** conference in Zambia a few months ago, I have been following up on and providing training (via zoom) on using the OBT HoneyBee app to interested parties. Here are some comments from trainees:



- Such an amazing tool!
- The workflow is so easy and smooth. The interface functions very well.
- Easy-access resources...!
- Really appreciate being able to publish locally, directly, immediately, without having to wait for outsiders and technology.
- I love the mobility, being offline ... I do not need to be tied to an office or "recording studio" to do my translation work. I can record at home with a blanket, or anywhere.

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**The Honey Bee**

The more people I train to use this OBT app, the more I realize that some wannabe local translation teams just do not have the resources (~\$300) to purchase a smartphone with decent storage capacity to do ongoing translation work. It's an obstacle to sharing the Word, spreading the treasure. I've been reaching out to other orgs to see if they would be willing to help with this small expense in order to launch Bible translation projects in new languages or dialects.... And then, just last week, God surprised me: I received a 4-digit dollar check in the mail from a friend who wanted to help HoneyBee get deployed.

And a few days later, another individual knocked on my tiny house door to give me a fat little envelope filled with \$3000 cash... specifically to purchase some cheap smartphone vessels for overseas translators who want to begin the process of oral Bible translation for their people in their own language via the HoneyBee app. Cheap technology, like Gideon's clay pots, carrying powerful Light that routs the enemy and brings Life. The users – trainers and translators -- are neither famous, rich, nor highly educated, but they

are willing, brave and faithful, trusting Yahweh to give them the help they need for this task. Like Gideon and his small band of 300 willing-to-risk torch carriers, they will be listed in God's "hall of faith".

## Clay Pot technology for DR Congo

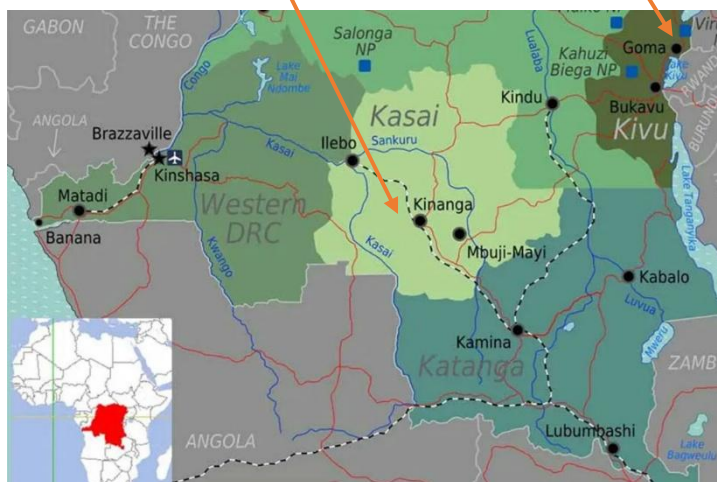
It seems that our Good Shepherd has been recruiting recently from the Democratic Republic of Congo, raising up and connecting me to Africans who will take the HoneyBee to Bibleless tribes in remote places there in the jungled heart of Africa.



Ibrahim (orange shirt), experienced IT guy and OBT trainer, loved learning about HoneyBee via my zoom training. He said, "I feel that Honey Bee is the perfect blessing from God to translate his

word to the least reached communities." Ibrahim is right now training several Talinga translation teams just across the Uganda border in DRC. The Talinga speak a French- and Swahili-influenced dialect of the Bwisi language spoken in

Uganda which has a New Testament. The Talinga, often troubled by Congolese terrorists (and Ebola), have been utilizing the Bwisi Scriptures, but they are eager to get Scriptures in their own dialect.



With the help of an French-English interpreter from Benin, I have just finished training several Congolese from a young organization called **AGKT** (which, translated from French stands for **Association of Grand Kasai for Translation of the Bible**). Thank God for these few men who are working out of Kinanga city in the heart of the **Kasai** region of DR Congo. God has given them a passion to enable the language

communities of this region get audio Scriptures in their own languages. They say that most paper Bibles have been destroyed by local raiding terrorist-soldiers, or lost in the ongoing war. HoneyBee app, running on "clay pot" technology, is designed for challenging, offline, mobile, remote and dangerous situations like this. Pray that the Light of the World will shine through the fragile situations in Kasai.

**Thank you!** for continuing to give your time, money, skills and prayers to **spread the Word** and **share the Treasure** with the ethnic-nations.

Maranatha!

*Robin*

*So we keep on praying for you,  
May he give you the power to accomplish  
all the good things  
your faith prompts you to do.  
(2Thess. 1:11)*



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