

Language Pages Provide Church Materials in More Than 100 Languages

For members around the world who don't speak one of the 10 prevalent languages—Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish—finding Church materials in their native tongue may be a challenge. But for those who are aware of LDS.org's language pages, accessing core Church materials is only a few clicks away.

At the top right or bottom left of the LDS.org homepage, click on the **picture of the world** to find links to all the available language pages on LDS.org. By the end of 2012, the LDS.org team hopes to have 108 language pages, including Hrvatski (Croatian), Malagasy (spoken in Madagascar), and Twi (spoken in Ghana).

This year the language pages were updated with some new items, including PDFs of the *Liahona* local pages in more than 40 languages and a simple text PDF of the April 2012 general conference in more than 90 languages. The PDFs of the Book of Mormon in 99 languages added

24 more language pages to those already available on LDS.org.

Translated items appear according to the Church's worldwide plan for introducing Church materials in specific languages.

In this phased plan, core items—sacrament prayers, the Articles of Faith, the *Gospel Fundamentals* manual, select general conference talks, and the *Testimony of the Prophet Joseph Smith* pamphlet, for example—have precedence in being translated.

Additional translated materials such as the scriptures, music, “The Family: A Proclamation to the World,” and the First Presidency and Visiting Teaching Messages are introduced as the number of Church members who speak a language increases.

Materials are translated and made available following approval from the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Area Presidencies can also request that certain materials be made available in a particular language if they notice a need.

“These pages are available to all members for personal as well as Sunday use,” said digital channels senior product manager Matt Robinson. “Local leaders may use this resource for their personal study as well as point members to it for use in callings and families.”

Sargis Ayvazyan, second counselor in the Yerevan Armenia District presidency, reports that Armenian members enjoy using the Armenian language page to print materials that help them fulfill their callings. They also use it to receive and read information about the Church and to find general conference materials in their native tongue. ■

Dozens of new printable and downloadable materials have been and continue to be added to LDS.org's more than 100 language pages.

