

**Our goal:**

*To translate the Bible into Dutch Sign Language (NGT) so that it is available to deaf people in their heart language*

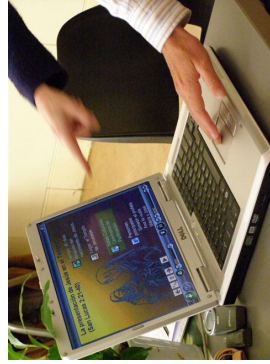
**Our hope:**

*That deaf people will use this translation resulting in both growth in Biblical knowledge as well as in a relationship with God and the following of Christ both individually and corporately.*

*In addition we hope that the gospel will be spread and others in the deaf community will be reached with the message of God's grace through the use of this translation.*

**Other things that need to be developed:**

*Study materials in Dutch Sign Language (NGT) in order to make this Bible translation accessible and for it to be put to fruitful use.*



**Making the Bible accessible in the language of the heart!**

**We need you!**

**In order to reach our goal we need your help!**

**We are looking for people and organizations that will work with us to make God's Word available in the language of the Deaf in the Netherlands.**

**Are you interested in working with us? Could you provide personnel, financial, material or organizational support?**

**Contact us today!**

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**'Understanding Your Word brings light.'**

**Psalm 119:130a**

# The Bible in Dutch Sign Language

*God speaks my heart language!*

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**'The grass withers and the flower fades but the Word of our God abides forever.'**

**Isaiah 40:8**

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## Why an NGT translation?

Our 'first language' is almost always our heart language. Information that we receive in this language hits closer to home and touches us more deeply than information that we receive in a second or third language. For deaf people, sign language is their first language. This is the only completely accessible language for deaf children, teens and adults. Deaf people for whom sign language is their first language can have limited reading skills in a second language. This can result in difficulty comprehending written texts like the Bible

## Mother tongue

95% of deaf children do not learn their 'mother tongue' from their mothers. They grow up in a family with hearing parents and siblings. They ultimately learn sign language through interaction with deaf peers and adults in settings such as schools for the deaf.

## Target group

It is difficult to say how many deaf people there are in the Netherlands.

Dovenschap, the organization looking after the interests of the deaf in Holland, represents 15,000 deaf adults according to their statistics.



Reading the Bible in your second language

In addition, there are also deaf youth and children to consider. Our vision is to have a Bible translation in Dutch Sign Language (NGT) for them as well. This translation will also be useful for those in the hearing community who interact and work with deaf people

## Work Group

Bible translations in sign languages are already in progress in many other countries.

We want to follow suit in the Netherlands and create a Bible translation in Dutch Sign Language. A group of deaf and hearing people in the Netherlands has come together to make this a reality.



Bijbel NGT work group brainstorming day



Recording a Bible text in sign language



## Visual Language

Sign language is a visual/spacial language that uses the hands, face and other parts of the body to express itself. It could be said that it is a language where you speak with your body and listen with your eyes.

The Bible then is translated and filmed in this visual, moving language and is recorded in digital form. This can then be published in a variety of ways: on a DVD, a website, I-pod and other digital possibilities.



For more information about this project go to [www.BijbeINGT.nl/en](http://www.BijbeINGT.nl/en)