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First of all, Michel, what a great word. What an opportunity to hear from a leader like Michel who can draw from his own life experiences, his deep theologic understanding, his deep respect for missiology. He is bringing such great value to our lives; so Michel, thank you for that great reflection on God's Word. What a way to get started!

My assignment today is to – bottom line it's a hard assignment – is to give you a briefing on the progress to date related to Every Tribe Every Nation. And so, we turn the clock back to 2010 and none of this framework existed and none of this gathering could have taken place. It was just an early meeting in Orlando with a handful of people and from that early beginning came the progress that we've made to date. So, I won't give you a reflection on every one of the 100 plus meetings of the Steering Committee that we had - usually in the DFW airport – the [Ambassador] or the Admiral's Club, I think it's called. It's a room that's kind of too small actually - we're crowded in there, but the faithfulness of those that have participated has been noteworthy and has again given birth to and undergirded this work.

So, my job is to give a high-level overview of the progress. Let's start with a picture of what Every Tribe Every Nation carries in our collective hearts, our full vision for the work of translation across the world. It is important to note that ETEN promotes and advocates for **all** Bible translation work that is needed. And that of course, we refer to that as “Every Verse Current”. This is a goal that is respectful of all of our collective goals between so many organizations; and we are focused on full Bibles, we're focused on appropriate revisions updated to meet the needs of the people on the ground and this is the big vision. We refer to this as "The Square". Now that's a metaphor that we've come to use that helps us communicate, but that's all of the Bible translation activity that all of us as implementing organizations are focused on, are responsible for. And of course, the work of that Bible translation is going to continue.