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'What does everyone want to eat?' Mike asked, perusing the menu up and down.

'Does anyone know what hors d'oeuvres are?' Alpha enquired, looking puzzled.

'It's a French word, meaning 'outside work' said Mike, who knew a lot. 'It's basically a small bite to eat before you have the main meal. It's a starter, rather than the main course.'

Then another thought came to him and Mike said, 'It's so important to be able to understand things in your own language, isn't it?'

'Yes,' said Foxtrot, 'especially the Bible. The Word of God is alive and active, and we want as many people as possible to be able to read it. Doing so helps them understand more about God and enables them to know the hope we Christians have because of what Jesus did for us by dying on the cross.'

Mike agreed, adding, 'That's true. In fact, in spring this year, I flew a team of Bible translators from an organisation called SIL to celebrate a newly translated New Testament in eastern DRC. The team, which translated the New Testament into the Budu-Nita language, worked with people from the community in Bunia to ensure that the right words were used in the translation.'

'Wow! I bet that took a long time to write,' Alpha exclaimed.

'Yes, it took 36 years to finish!' Mike replied. 'It was such an exciting day in Bunia. There was much singing and rejoicing! Nearly 4,000 people turned up to celebrate. The team has now started work on the Old Testament, so the people will eventually have a complete Bible to read!'

'It's so great that MAF helps fly in translators to remote places where there's no access to the Bible in the local language,' said Foxtrot.

'But,' he explained, 'there's still much to be done. Nearly three-quarters of the world's languages don't have the full Bible yet. That's why MAF will keep flying to support this essential work.'