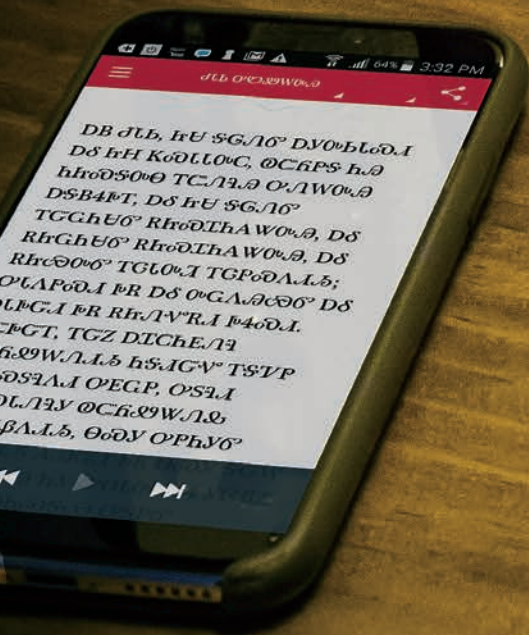
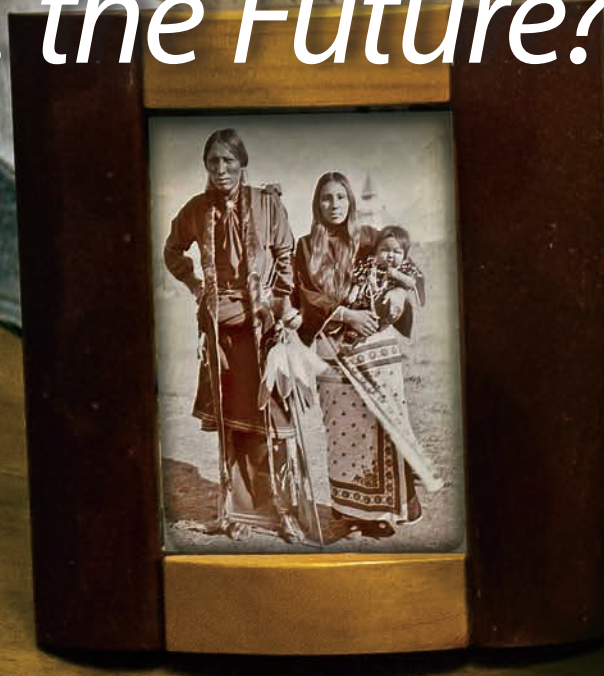



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You, as a Leader, are a guarantee. You are the guarantee to your children, and to their children, of the pride and dignity that belong to your culture and language. As a Leader, you also see risk and danger; the insistent domination of English and Western society; the dwindling numbers of fluent speakers of your language. You may feel like this is a battle. Perhaps you are already feeling that if you don't act soon, it will be too late.

Your language and cultural identity are treasures worth preserving. Over half of the world's languages are endangered. SIL has worked with more than 2,000 of them. Could you use an ally?

We recognize language preservation is a struggle for identity and community survival. SIL can introduce you to a process that will help you pass this treasure on to your children, your grandchildren and beyond. Many of the communities we have worked with have successfully strengthened and preserved their languages legacies. It has been our privilege to work with them, and we would be honored to come alongside you as well.

Using this process, your Nation can move forward with a unified Vision for preserving your language and cultural identity. Elders and the younger generations can come together in new and positive ways. This Vision is foundational for you as Leaders to confidently guide your Nation through the challenges of the 21st Century.

## Begin "Planning the Future of Our Language" today:

**CALL NOW** for a free consultation with one of our experienced Language Development Specialists:

**(469) 507-3366**

**E-MAIL** for details about our one-day workshop for your Leadership (at your location):

**Language-Future@sil.org**

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*"The workshop was refreshing, unique, and opened our eyes to how language is leaving us and how it can be revitalized."*

—Chief Joe Bunch, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma



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