

# LANGUAGES OF NORTH AMERICA

In North America English is the primary language, but thousands of people speak Spanish and French, the next-most-common languages. Immigrants from other lands often speak their native languages at home.

Below are greetings in the most common non-English languages spoken by Adventists in North America. Vowels are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in father; *ai* as in eye; *ay* as in hay; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *ih* as in tip; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot; *uh* as in cup. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

	<b>Phrase</b>	<b>Pronounce it</b>
Spanish	Good morning	BWEH-nohs DEE-ahs
French	Good morning	bohn JOOR
Korean	Hello	ahn-yuhng HAH-say-yoh
Tagalog (Philippines)	Good morning	mah-gahn-dahng oo-MAH-gah
Portuguese	Good morning	bohn DEE-ah
Indonesian	Good morning	suh-LAH-maht BAH-gee

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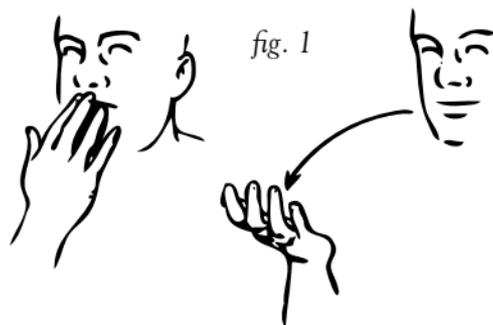
Chinese (Mandarin)\*  
Japanese  
Samoan  
Sign Language

## Phrase

Hello  
Good morning  
Good morning  
Hello

## Pronounce it

nee<sup>2</sup> how<sup>3</sup>  
oh-HAI-yoh goh-ZAI-mahs  
tah-LOH-fah  
see *two options below*



\*Chinese is a tonal language. The tone marked <sup>2</sup> rises at end, The tone marked <sup>3</sup> dips in the middle and rises at end.