

Faith Comes By Hearing®

MINISTRY IMPACT REPORT

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Dear Co-Laborer,

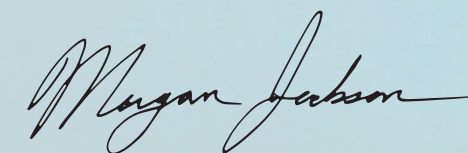
Wow, I've just finished reading this report, and find it difficult to grasp all the Lord has done and is doing through our partnership. Thank you.

Ninety percent of the world's population now has God's Word in audio and video in their mother tongue. There are beyond a mind-blowing 2,000 languages with Audio Scripture and very close to 1,500 with the pure Gospel in video.* Earth will soon be covered with the knowledge of God's glory as the waters cover the sea!

The tremendous progress of Oral Bible Translation (OBT) is especially stirring to many of us in the ministry. Lost people, who have never heard of Jesus but who have never been forgotten by God, can hear Scripture in their heart language and leave behind the total spiritual darkness they lived in. People group after people group, without a single known Christian, have come to Christ through meaningful engagement with the Gospel—because of OBT.

As you read about these and other God-sized, God-given victories, I pray you sense the historic times we live in. Be encouraged and affirmed in your conviction to steadfastly continue this journey with us toward Vision 2033. Together, we advance the Great Commission.

Your Servant in Christ,



Morgan Jackson

* All numbers in this report refer to the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

Vision 2033 Progress

SCALING HEIGHTS

Exciting Vision 2033 achievements accelerated the spread of God’s Word in fiscal year 2024. On the climb to record and freely provide God’s Word in every language that needs it by 2033, Faith Comes By Hearing scaled thrilling heights—to the glory of God.

Highlights

- We surpassed an amazing **2,000 language communities** to receive God’s Word in audio by way of field, virtual, partner, and OBT recording projects.
- Digital Scripture engagement exceeded **one billion chapters** accessed.
- Advances in technology paved the way for **Render 3, a vital software upgrade** for Oral Bible Translation.
- In collaboration with Bible Media Group (BMG), we celebrated **the release of *The Covenant* film**, a word-for-word portrayal of key Old Testament passages that Faith Comes By Hearing and BMG have adapted with Scripture recordings in 63 languages and counting.

	FY24	FY24 # of Speakers	All Time
Scripture recordings	274	148 million	2,059
Oral Bible Translation projects	166	18 million	318
Audio Bible programs	222,211	20 million	1.7 million
Gospel Films in new languages	186	81 million	1,468
Covenant in new languages	63	4 billion	63



As Vision 2033 progresses, Bible listeners experience meaningful Scripture engagement—many for the first time. Hearing Truth in the language of the heart prompts responses like these:



“Everything changed after I received the Proclaimer. I dedicated my life to Jesus, and my old life was replaced with my new life.”

– Graman, Azerbaijan



“It is no longer difficult to open Scripture and understand what I read.”

– Mateo, Dominican Republic



“When God’s Word resonates with you, your character changes.”

– Rev. Katete, Zambia

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

– John 5:24

Africa

One of Faith Comes By Hearing's partners took a Proclaimer along on a medical mission trip and spent a month with the Pokot community of Kenya. People in need of clinical attention flocked to the mobile care centers set up on the journey. As they waited to be seen or rested after treatment, the audible Word of God played. One gentleman cradled the Proclaimer in his arms as he recovered. Children were captivated by the stories of Jesus in words they understood. Teens asked to play Scripture while the team prepared and ate evening meals each day.

The day before the trip ended, our partner gave the Proclaimer to a Pokot community elder and spent an hour explaining how to use the Audio Bible to share God's Word with more listeners. As the medical team left the next day, they saw the elder carrying the Proclaimer and gathering a group to listen together.

The community received significant physical healing and exciting potential for spiritual healing through Scripture in their mother tongue.



Lord, thank You for speaking to the Pokot tribe. May every tribe in Africa soon hear Your Word and usher in Your kingdom.

	FY24	FY24 # of Speakers	All Time
Scripture recordings	152	23 million	817
Oral Bible Translation projects	139	16 million	234
Audio Bible programs	53,694	5 million	519,593
Gospel Films in new languages	55	21 million	528
Covenant in new languages	20	134 million	20





Americas

Gospel Films paint historically accurate and visually stunning pictures of first-century Jerusalem and Judea. By combining both visual and audible elements, Gospel Films provide a vivid way to connect to Scripture for many audiences. In the Dominican Republic, churches and individuals host watching groups for family, friends, and neighbors.

Manny suffered a stroke ten years ago. He recounted the sad aftereffects: “I was physically changed, and friends who once greeted me with affection turned their backs on me. The medical treatments promised through my job never came through. I felt rejected and helpless.”

A decade’s worth of hopelessness lifted when Manny accepted an invitation to a Gospel Film viewing in Santo Domingo. The message of Jesus’ compassion and sacrifice comforted his loneliness, as did the interaction with other viewers. Later, Manny joined a Bible listening group and told our partners, “Old hurts caused me to distrust others, and I isolated myself through bad behavior. This Bible listening group teaches me to be empathetic and loving. My life has changed because I learned Jesus heals all kinds of wounds. He is the way, the truth, and the life.”



Father, You are our comfort and shelter through any storm. We pray that as more people have the chance to interact with Your Word through film, they find rest in Your perfect ways.

	FY24	FY24 # of Speakers	All Time
Scripture recordings	16	135,630	390
Oral Bible Translation projects	2	5,790	15
Audio Bible programs	39,550	3 million	283,507
Gospel Films in new languages	42	2 million	294
Covenant in new languages	2	600 million	2

Experiencing God's Covenant

A NEW BIBLICAL FILM RESOURCE

1,468 languages now have at least one Gospel Film; many have two or more. Gospel Films, excellent word-for-word productions, allow watching group participants to see the life of Christ play out visually, and for many, seeing is believing.

A woman in Bangladesh shares her testimony: "Because I was born into poverty, I could not afford to go to school. I live with my husband and our two children. Together we attend the community church. It was there we first saw the Gospel Film. Watching the story of Christ play on the projector changed me. It is one thing for people to tell you about Jesus. But being able to watch and listen on your own is truly a blessed gift."

The original films were produced by Bible Media Group (BMG) and adapted by Faith Comes By Hearing into various languages.

BMG's newest film, **The Covenant**, includes key Old Testament selections which help bridge the gap between God's promise to Abraham and the realization of God's promise through His Son. In communities familiar with the Abrahamic covenant, this film sets the stage before viewing the life of Christ in Gospel Films.

Beginning with the Matigsalug language of the Philippines, Faith Comes By Hearing and BMG have adapted The Covenant into 63 languages this fiscal year, with plans for 50 more languages in FY25. BMG has also committed to filming the Book of Acts, another key Scripture portion, for new church plants around the world.

Watch a trailer for BMG's film, The Covenant, here:



Asia

Ten years ago, Faith Comes By Hearing recorded God’s Word in the secure language of a tribal mountain community in rural Vietnam. Thanks to partners in Bible translation, faithful supporters, and God’s miraculous provision, people living in spiritual darkness heard Scripture in their heart language.

Fast forward to the present—and thousands of Audio Bibles later. The human degradation plaguing this region has decreased. Through a recent radio broadcast, Bible listeners in one village grasped the life-changing teachings of Christ. Hearers became doers of the Word. The people prayed for deliverance from their vices. God heard. God healed. The community bears little resemblance to its former way of life.

Faith Comes By Hearing remains committed to record and freely provide Scripture in more Vietnamese languages. The nuanced work in this hard-to-reach country requires discretion. Through creative assembly and shipping methods, Audio Bibles safely reach trained program implementers.

Ongoing Audio Bible engagement makes an eternal difference. Prayer and partnership enables more people to know the power of Scripture in a language and format they can deeply comprehend.



God, we praise You for that first recording in the mountains a decade ago and the mighty impact of Your Word since. We pray for Audio Bibles to fill more listening ears in Vietnam with life-changing Truth.

	FY24	FY24 # of Speakers	All Time
Scripture recordings	72	36 million	549
Oral Bible Translation projects	20	2 million	50
Audio Bible programs	101,667	9 million	510,559
Gospel Films in new languages	56	36 million	411
Covenant in new languages	24	2 billion	24



Celebrating 2,000

ORAL BIBLE TRANSLATION LEADS THE WAY

On our God-given mission to record and freely provide His Word, Faith Comes By Hearing surpassed a noteworthy milestone: **the 2,000th language community to receive Scripture in audio.** We celebrate this achievement with gratitude for the hundreds of like-minded ministries and translation agencies who journey with us.

As we travel beyond 2,000 languages, we realize that oral cultures are the final frontier of people groups still waiting for God’s Word in audio. Oral Bible Translation (OBT) leads the way to Truth in their heart language by empowering indigenous speakers. Bible translation experts guide mother tongue translators as they listen and internalize using a reference language. They then translate Scripture orally via Render, a software specifically designed for OBT. The dynamic outcome is immediate, meaningful access as portions are finalized.

Carried by decades of partnership, Faith Comes By Hearing’s Scripture recordings have reached an incalculable number of listening ears. We think it fitting that the 2,000th language to receive God’s audible Word is spoken by an oral tribe in Malaysia.

22,000 Murut Tahol speakers can now meaningfully engage with the Word of God in their heart language. Thanks to OBT, a tribe overcoming their head-hunting ancestors’ reputation stepped out of their dark past and into the light of the Gospel.

Discover more of the Murut Tahol story here:



Meeting The Need

RENDER 3 RELEASE



“Render 3’s flexibility lets partners complete translations according to their specific needs. By easing the barriers of entry, more communities can translate and record Scripture in their heart languages.” – OBT Field Trainer

Render, the software behind Oral Bible Translation, launched in 2017. Since then, more than 200 languages have received portions of Scripture. This explosive growth meant upgrades quickly became necessary. Render 2 (2018) introduced much-needed stability, setting the foundation for the work to come.

In the initial years of the program, OBT maintained a fixed, linear workflow, facilitated in Render. But as more communities used OBT, the need for an adaptable workspace grew. 2023 saw this updated in the long-anticipated launch of **Render 3.**

Eager to meet the challenge head on, our developers set to work creating a more intuitive workspace. With an adapted, simplified dashboard, teams can tailor the program to fit the needs of each unique recording. Render 3 created a flexible, more efficient workspace, with the potential to provide the community quicker access to approved Scripture portions. While in-house testing proved promising, the question remained: Would Render 3 succeed or crumble in the face of challenges?

Field tests in Mexico and Nigeria gave us the answer. The first test, a partner recording, allowed experienced Render 2 users to test the full flexibility of the updated interface. A larger group unfamiliar with the Render software underwent the second field test. This group’s size made it possible to explore the full limits of the software on a large project.

With the success of the field tests, the global OBT community anticipated the launch of the new software. Render 3 is now in use for every new Faith Comes By Hearing OBT project started around the world. These advancements will provide an estimated 1,200 communities the means to hear God speak their language.



Eurasia / Middle East / North Africa

Raya loves afternoons in the city park. The new Christ follower takes her Audio Bible and plays Scripture in her language loud enough to catch the attention of passersby. Curiosity often attracts a gathering around her and the Proclaimer.

Taking the opportunity to share with anyone willing to listen, Raya described the changes in her mind, heart, and body that came when she heard and believed the Gospel:

“High blood pressure caused me to have terrible headaches, and medication offered little help. Stress mounted until I met a friend who gave me an Audio Bible and offered to pray for my healing. I needed this encouragement, so I listened and received the Gospel’s comforting message.”

“Peace I cannot explain flooded my mind as I heard about Christ’s sacrifice for both physical and spiritual healing. I put my faith in Him, and in the days that followed, my symptoms disappeared. My blood pressure normalized, and now I no longer need medication.”



Thank You, God, for the healing power of Your Word. May pure Audio Scripture reach the ears of all in this vast region and bring about life transformation.

	FY24	FY24 # of Speakers	All Time
Scripture recordings	18	88 million	170
Oral Bible Translation projects	5	89,400	8
Audio Bible programs	24,220	2 million	176,224
Gospel Films in new languages	10	22 million	147
Covenant in new languages	17	1 billion	17





Pacific / Oceania

God's Word is at work in the hearts of the Nasioi people on Bougainville Island, one of Papua New Guinea's most remote provinces. Desiring to reach their communities for Christ, more than 40 local leaders and pastors gathered for three days of Bible listening group training.

On the last day, everyone agreed that the best way to end the workshop would be to conduct a listening group of their own. Everyone listened and reflected as the Proclaimers played Scripture in their heart language of Nasioi. Afterward, the group appointed and prayed over six coordinators who would oversee the listening group efforts across the island.

The workshop concluded with the dedication and distribution of the Audio Bibles. Everyone returned to their communities, empowered and ready to share God's audible Word with others. Today, the six coordinators provide training and leadership to more than 100 listening groups in the area.



Lord, thank You for continuing to lift up new leaders who are passionate about You. We pray for the listening groups to continue to grow and reach more people with Your holy Word.

	FY24	FY24 # of Speakers	All Time
Scripture recordings	16	251,880	133
Oral Bible Translation projects	-	-	11
Audio Bible programs	3,080	277,203	43,800
Gospel Films in new languages	23	298,169	88
Covenant in new languages	-	-	-



Just the Beginning

SEISMIC DIGITAL GROWTH

Celebrate with us: Individuals worldwide have accessed **one billion chapters** of Scripture through 921 Global Bible Apps! God's Word resounds throughout the digital sphere.

Our Senior Digital Coordinator shared, "One billion chapters of Scripture accessed represents seismic growth. Anytime and anywhere, with nothing more than a computer or phone, people can encounter the Gospel message as God speaks to them in their heart language. And one billion is just the beginning."

We praise God for this incredible milestone.

Alie is an outspoken and free-spirited woman who lived with her husband and two sons. Because of her independent nature, her husband wrongly accused her of having an affair. When he left her for another woman and her sons turned their backs on her, Alie fell into despair. This despair drove her to try to end her life. When she was unsuccessful, she did not know what to do.

A neighbor introduced Alie to the Bible App in her language, and she began listening to Scripture each day. Hearing John 3:16, Alie realized she did not want to die; instead, she yearned for hope. Alie gave her life to Christ and has since found renewed purpose. Even when her sons and husband tried to take all she had, she persevered. She wants to remain faithful to Christ all her life as she courageously shares the Gospel with her sons.



Thank You.

The Bible teaches believers the importance of collaboration around the Gospel. Christ spoke the Great Commission directive, "Go therefore and make disciples of every nation," not to a single person, but to a gathering of His followers. Obediently trusting Jesus, Faith Comes By Hearing recognizes **we cannot accomplish Vision 2033 without you.**

Thank you for your partnership in this Audio Bible movement. You provide Scripture's life-saving message to people in the farthest regions of the earth. You send Audio and Video Bibles to those in desperate need. You bless restricted and war-torn regions with the peace of God's Word. You encourage pastors and congregants in their faithful ministry.

Together, we advance the Great Commission and ensure Scripture is recorded and freely provided in every language that needs it.

A Full Measure in FY2024

Revenue

Total: \$41,594,305.00

Contributions
\$41,517,467.00

Other
\$76,838.00

Expenses

Total: \$33,611,891.00

Programs
\$29,916,687.00

Fundraising
\$2,186,560.00

Management
\$1,508,644.00

Recordings

Total: 274

Africa
152

Americas
16

Asia
72

Eurasia/MENA
18

Pacific/Oceania
16

Programs

Total: 222,211

Africa
53,694

Americas
39,550

Asia
101,667

Eurasia/MENA
24,220

Pacific/Oceania
3,080



Faith Comes By Hearing has been a top-rated charity with Charity Navigator for the past 16 years and has received a Platinum Seal of Transparency on GuideStar.





Together, we march forward under God's banner to ensure everyone may hear God speak their heart language.

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