

2018 FIRST QUARTER

ASM records and distributes the Bible and Bible engagement resources for people who can't, don't or won't read. For \$35, you can give an entire family the gift of hearing the Bible in their own heart language.



Connecting People to God's Word in Their Own Heart Language



TUTORING LOCATION CONSTRUCTED



What a joy and privilege it was to help a Zapotec pastor build a pavilion for tutoring 50–75 local children in the aftermath of the 8.1 magnitude earthquake along the coast of Oaxaca, Mexico. While regular schools are still being rebuilt, these children continue their usual studies while also hearing Bible stories and worship songs in their native language. In February, we visited the homes of

some of the children to give their families an audio Bible in the Isthmus Zapotec language. Now, whole families can gather in this new open-air pavilion to listen to God speak to them in their heart language!



HUM SMARTPHONE APP RELEASE



This spring, ASM, in collaboration with our national partner in India, will launch HUM, our first smartphone app! We are eager to put this tool to work. Please be praying that this app will overcome obstacles to sharing God's Word in India and provide those who are not literate or face persecution, with the opportunity to hear Scripture in their own heart language. Additionally, HUM will have the unique ability to not only stream the audio content to people's phones, but it will enable them to ask questions that we can thoughtfully respond to via podcasts.

This two-way communication is a first for our organization and could truly set a table where people of every nation and tribe can glimpse — together — the Kingdom of God. **Stay tuned!**



NEW TEAM MEMBER JOSHUA HARRISON



Joshua Harrison joined the ASM Team in October 2017 as our new Communications and Content Manager. He has been working with us for barely five months at the Holland, MI office, but he has already become an integral part of our team! Joshua has been updating some of ASM's office systems and working to communicate the stories of God at work through audio Scripture around the world.

We thank God for Joshua, his wife, Jessica, and their three daughters. Joshua grew up in the mission field, spending much of his youth in Estonia. Ever since he realized his own great need for Jesus, Joshua's passion continues to be for the least-reached and Gospel-destitute people of the world.

MEET MARIANA



Mariana has been part of the Mozambique Compassionate Care Team for 3 years.



Most often, you hear Mariana before you see her — her laughter usually goes before her. Mariana radiates joy in everything she does. Her smile and laughter are contagious, which is exactly why she excels at bringing hope to the patients in Mozambique. If you're driving down rural dirt roads in central Mozambique, you might find Mariana leading the Compassionate Care Team on her motorbike — Mariana is a trailblazer as she faithfully cares for the patients that the team serves.

In her off time, Mariana may be found accompanying those from church, or complete strangers, to the hospital getting them the medical care they need. If not there, she's providing for her mother and extended family or singing with the youth at her church. Mariana is a huge blessing to the ASM Team!



Would you join in praying that God will continue to bless and strengthen her, and her family, as she serves so faithfully?

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SO ALL WILL HEAR

Audio Scripture Ministries records and distributes God's Word in audio, so everyone can hear God's Word in their own heart language.

Almost 80% of those living today are oral preference learners. Millions of those who can't, don't or won't read are still waiting to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thanks to your prayers, financial support, and partnership, we help connect people to God's Word in an accessible way, so all will hear!

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"Know that today, the Lord will cross over before you,"
Deuteronomy 9:3

In my office, I have a photo by a Grand Rapids, MI artist of the Mackinac Bridge with that verse. As a Michigander, the Mackinac Bridge has always held special significance in my life. Every summer, my brother, sister, and I would try to be the first one to catch a glimpse of the bridge on our way from Michigan's Lower to Upper Peninsula for two weeks of blissful camping. (As an adult, I now realize that those two weeks were probably not as blissful for my mom, but that's a story for another time!) Crossing over the Mackinac Bridge, our lungs full of clean, pine scented air, a sense of anticipation would build because we were just one hour away from the real beginning of summer.

Maybe you have a "cross over" experience of your own ... a location or a decision.

That's how I feel about Audio Scripture Ministries (ASM) "crossing over" into 2018. There's a sense of excitement and anticipation among the Board and Team as we prayerfully discern where God is leading. It is a privilege to be part of this ministry that has, for more than 50 years, provided God's Word in audio to people who can't, don't, or won't read, and who may not be reached with print. God is using these audio resources to change individuals and communities — and even those who are recording them!

Beginning now, you'll notice a difference in how we celebrate and report what God is doing. These changes will identify six areas where your prayers and partnership are needed most:



COLLABORATION — We're developing strong collaborative relationships that allow ASM to be better stewards of the resources God has entrusted to our care. We're serving with national leaders, churches, denominations, Bible translation agencies, technology firms, mission agencies, and more, pursuing the unity that Jesus prayed for as recorded in John 17.



DISTRIBUTION — Your prayers and financial support are bringing God's Word to thousands of people around the world who are hearing the Gospel for the first time on their new audio Bibles. We're working with national pastors to get players into the hands of those who need them most. Churches are being planted and Bible study groups are meeting weekly to listen to God's Word.



TECHNOLOGY — I never dreamed to one day hold in my hands a phone with more power than the computers that helped send the Apollo astronauts to the moon in 1969. Only God knows where technology will be in 3-5 years, and we're praying and learning how we can use technology even more effectively in sharing God's Word.



RESOURCES — ASM is on the front lines of recording Scripture, and recording Bible engagement resources that are contextually appropriate and culturally relevant. We're also exploring additional languages, biblically-based health care resources and resources for families and pastors.



COMPASSION — Our teams are serving as the hands and feet of Jesus. Together, we're meeting practical needs in communities and seeing new doors open to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.



OPERATIONS — I thank God for His provision of a gifted and dedicated Board and Team who help ASM function smoothly. Throughout the year, we'll give you a "behind the scenes" look at the people, and the places where they serve.

As ASM presses forward, we remain committed to recording and distributing God's Word. And, as we prayerfully discern where God would have us "crossover" in obedience to additional ministry opportunities, would you please pray with us that we would hear God's voice and follow Him?

I'm excited by the many opportunities before ASM as we connect people to God's Word in their own heart language. *And, I'm glad we're on this journey together!*



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AUDIO BIBLES NEEDED

There is so much hunger for God's Word in Mozambique. One young man came to a recent audio Bible distribution in northern Mozambique and was shocked to hear a device that told him about God, in his own heart language. After listening to the audio Bible for some time, he turned to one of the local pastors and said, "Even if you don't want to convert to God, with this type of Bible that speaks your language, how can you not? How can I have my own?"

While the need is still great, we rejoice to report that we have reached 80% of our goal of \$60,000 to send the next shipment of 2,000 audio Bibles to Mozambique. Please be praying that God would provide the remaining \$12,000 so that our distribution team can bring God's Word to those who are eagerly waiting to hear God's Word!

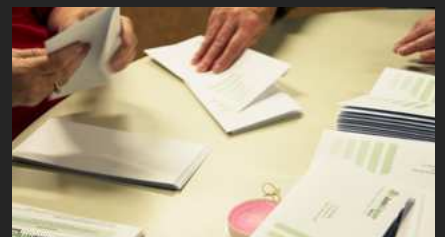
Could you help us meet this need?



Donate to Mozambique Audio Bibles at www.asmtoday.org/giving or on the return slip provided



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



You are needed to help bring God's Word in audio to those still waiting to hear it!

By joining an existing volunteer group, or bringing together a group of your friends to volunteer, you can help share the story of God at work through audio Bibles. The time commitment is just a few hours per year, and the work can be tailored to your availability, interest, activity level and skill.

Please call our office today and ask about being a part of our valuable volunteer team!

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