2018 FOURTH 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.

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

CELEBRATING 100 PATIENTS

At the end of October, ASM's Compassionate Care Team in Mozambique celebrated the milestone of accepting their 100th patient into the program.

Dara Vanden Bosch started this work in 2015, after seeing the palliative needs of her community in rural Mozambique. She and her team of three Mozambican women make weekly



care visits to their patients, year-round, often over very difficult roads. They minister with the belief that everyone deserves quality palliative care because they matter to God. Dara's dream is that one day there will be quality palliative care in every corner of the world, to meet the needs of the most vulnerable. Until then, ASM's Compassionate Care Team continues to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus—meeting crucial physical needs and also sharing God's Word in audio. ASM believes that every person, of every tribe and tongue, should have access to God's Word in their own heart language. This is a truly beautiful opportunity that our team has—to both address physical needs and share God's word. Because THEY matter, they deserve to be helped, and to hear the hope of the Gospel!

To see a video of the Compassionate Care Team in action, visit www.audioscripture.org/stories

STANDING FIRM IN THE FAITH

Tranquilino is a man of faith who was imprisoned ten separate times for preaching the truth of God's Word. This happened when the Gospel first took hold, when religious freedoms were less protected in the region of Oaxaca, Mexico where he lives. Tranquilino is a pastor today, and a key partner in making the Scriptures available to his community. This Mixe-speaking pastor helped us to dub the Luke video in his language, and he also served as the reader for the whole New Testament on the



recently completed audio recording. Additionally, he is working on translating a summary of the Old Testament, which we will record in the future.

In September, Tranquilino hosted a team of partners from Audio Scripture Ministries, GALCOM International, and Grace Family Church from Tampa, Florida. He took this team to four different villages in his language area, to hand-deliver 170 audio Bibles to families. It would be difficult to say who was more impacted by this experience—the team from the U.S, or the people who received their precious copies of the audio Scriptures. Both English- and Mixe-speakers cried when the time came to say goodbye to each other.

One of the greatest joys of the week was celebrating with those who put their faith in Christ for the very first time. Praise the Lord! Please pray for Tranquilino as he continues to boldly share his faith, and for these new believers who are hearing God's Word!

MEET JAMISON



Jamison Worst has served with ASM for over seven years, and currently is



Chair of the ASM Board of Directors. Jamison loves telling people about Jesus Christ. The first thing you might notice about Jamison is his friendly smile. He is all about showing God's love to people. Jamison's passion for getting God's Word into the hands of those who need it, combined with his energetic leadership, and 12+ years of experience in financial advising, strengthens the ASM team.

He and his wife, Kristen, have been on a number of mission trips, seeing individuals and communities be transformed by the Word of God in audio. Jamison and Kristen are also active in their local church; Jamison served as president of the Deacons and as



Congregational Life Director, and they both serve on the Worship Team. When not serving at their church, you will likely find them with family and

friends enjoying conversation and fun.

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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 people who can't, don't, or won't read are waiting to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

With your prayers and financial support, together we can connect *more* people to God's Word in an accessible way, so all will hear!

HELP END BIBLE POVERTY

87% of Americans own a Bible, and many households even have 3-4 copies. We are truly blessed by having ready access to God's Word - in printed form and in audio. However, people in other parts of the world are not so fortunate.

The Joshua Project says **more than 1.5 billion people still do not have access to a full Bible in their own heart language.** They may be waiting for a Bible translation, or may be part of the **80% of the world's population who live in an oral culture**, where information and stories are passed on verbally, and they don't have access to an audio Bible.

This lack of Bibles is referred to as "Bible Poverty." It "...cuts across economic levels, social status, religious identity, ethnic groups, and

status, religious identity, ethnic groups, and languages. Bible Poverty affects regions of religious persecution. It affects the nonliterate, the deaf, and the blind," says Dr. John Watters, Chair, Forum of Bible Agencies International (2003-2010).



Audio Scripture Ministries (ASM) is fighting Bible Poverty head-on, helping connect people to God's Word in their own heart language by recording and distributing the Bible and Bible engagement resources in audio. We believe that every person has the need—and the right—to hear God's Word.

In 2019, our national teams in Mexico and Mozambique will record the Bible and new Bible engagement resources in **10 languages.**

The Mexico team plans to record the New Testament in Tenek, Otomi, Mazateco, Nahuatl, and two different Mixteco languages. In addition, they will record several individual books of the Bible, and audio dub at least one evangelistic film.



In Mozambique, the team will record Bible resources in four languages: completing the Makua Old Testament, and recording Tewe and Tsonga Biblical materials such as Scripture songs, Bible teachings, Bible College courses, Bible-based health teachings, and portions of the Old Testament in the Sena language.

These are projects that can take months to complete, sometimes in difficult conditions. Both regions also plan **to distribute several thousand audio Bibles**. Would you please be praying for these recording and distribution projects?

ASM is also developing partnerships with national leaders and ministries in other regions to provide reduced-cost or free audio Bibles, so that more people can hear God's Word. By collaborating with carefully-vetted ministries, we're leveraging our resources by helping these ministries effectively share God's Word in audio in new regions. We praise God for these open doors of ministry, and ask for your prayers as we move forward.

In 2018 alone, **ASM**, in collaboration with more than 120 churches and ministries, was part of distributing audio Bible devices in 56 countries, and four indigenous tribal regions in the U.S. These countries included Bangladesh, Ethiopia, United Arab Emirates, Côte d'Ivoire, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, and Cuba.

Our goal is that everyone who wants to hear God's Word will be able to do so. And, we need your help to accelerate the production, and distribution of audio Bibles. Even now people in Mozambique, Mexico, and elsewhere are waiting to receive an audio Bible. Would you prayerfully consider providing a year-end gift to help ASM continue to record and then distribute God's Word into the hands of even more people? Thank you.

Your prayers and financial support of ASM can be a part of eradicating Bible Poverty in our world. Let's work together in 2019 **so that no one has to wait** to hear the lifegiving, life-changing words of the Bible!





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THE 50 CENT GIVER

17 audio Bibles! 17 individuals and families are hearing God's Word in audio, thanks to one committed donor. For nearly 30 years, one foiltful danage here.

faithful donor has sent what they could, when they could, to support Audio Scripture Ministries' focus on getting God's Word into the hands of those who need it. It may have been 50 cents one time, and then \$1 the



next—all totaling \$600 over time enough to purchase 17 audio Bibles!

We praise God for this friend and their consistent giving that has helped share God's Word around the world. As a team, we are encouraged every time we open the envelope from this person. Their faithful donations are a reminder to us that God uses *every* gift to further His kingdom, and to bless the giver and the recipient.

Would you prayerfully consider giving a gift to ASM before yearend? Every gift is gratefully received, and carefully put to use connecting people to God's Word in their own heart language. You may also want to consider a recurring gift—making it a steady investment like this faithful friend has done. Every gift makes a difference!

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

Every Monday morning you can receive ASM's Praise and Prayer Guide by email! These updates provide you with the latest news and prayer needs in recording and distributing God's Word in audio. *We rely on your prayers!*

Sign up to become one of ASM's Prayer Partners on the enclosed response card, or sign up online at www.audioscripture.org/pray. As partners, our team wants to pray for you, too. Email us your requests, at pray@audioscripture.org!