

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



TILLING THE SOIL

After years of seeing friends and neighbors in the fertile land of Mozambique be stuck in a seemingly endless cycle of poverty and food crisis, ASM Africa Director Chad Vanden Bosch felt God leading him to expand their ministry. Building on the well-received audio Bible recording and distribution process, and the palliative care projects, Chad is developing a rural agricultural institute. The "Farming With God" institute will offer subsistence farmers (about 90% of the local population) the ability to learn "new" farming techniques and technologies, presented from a Biblical perspective.



"Farming With God" enrollment will begin soon. Please pray that the farmers will learn techniques to increase their crop yields, and that the teachings and relationships built will also help "till the soil of their hearts" to receive the gospel. Your support and prayers are essential, as Chad and his Mozambican team work to transform 15 acres of hilly, never-before-tilled, nutrient-leached land into a productive demonstration farm. Our goal is to present each participant with an audio Bible, with Scripture in their heart language and agricultural teachings in Portuguese. As they tend their farms daily, they will also be able to listen to God's Word!

More audio Bibles are needed in Mozambique, for "Farming With God", and many other places. "When will the audio Bibles come?", our team is regularly asked. Would you prayerfully consider a gift toward the remaining \$11,735 needed (total: \$64,000) to provide 2,000 audio Bibles?



PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

As believers in Jesus Christ, we proclaim the Good News of the Gospel! Unfortunately, some people are hostile to this Good News and do all they can to stop it from spreading. In these areas of world, audio Bibles are an effective, discrete way to get Scripture into the hands of people who need to hear God's Word in their own heart language.



Recently, one woman in India (not pictured) was listening to—and finding encouragement from—her audio Bible, when members of her village complained about it to their village leader. After listening to the audio Bible for himself, the village leader said not to bother her and to let her listen, because the audio Bible was only speaking Good News!

Praise God that this interaction gave a missionary the opportunity to reach out further to this village and show the JESUS film to them. Pray for this community, and their leader, that they would come to faith in Jesus Christ—and begin proclaiming the Good News to others!

MEET SERGIO



Sergio Muianga has served as a pastor since 2002. As a pastor, Sergio saw how people responded enthusiastically to audio Bible materials in their own language. After completing his degree at Wesleyan Bible College (Xai-Xai, Mozambique), Sergio felt the Lord calling him to help fellow Mozambicans hear God's Word by recording and distributing Scripture.

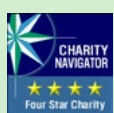
In 2005, Sergio began working with ASM, and now is president of Mozambique's Associação das Escrituras Em Audição (Association of Audio Scriptures). Sergio says in Mozambique, "many do not have a chance to read a Bible, and it is often difficult to get a written Bible—but an audio Bible makes God's Word accessible to all."

Sergio especially enjoys the technical aspects of audio editing; making the audio recordings as high quality as possible so people can listen to them for years to come. When he's not working, Sergio enjoys being with his family and keeping up on local politics. Sergio and his wife, Juliet, live in Xai-Xai, Mozambique with their three children.



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ASM CAN SERVE YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

Is your church planning a mission trip this summer?

Your church team can take audio Bibles in the local language of the country you're visiting! Audio Bibles left behind with the people you minister to are a lasting reminder of God's love for them. ASM has access to over 6,000 languages of audio Bibles and Bible Engagement Resources from which to choose.

Is your church hosting a Vacation Bible School—and looking for a mission project?

In collaboration with Many Hands for Haiti, ASM has developed some fun materials that can help your VBS mission project have an eternal impact. These materials help kids quickly understand the importance of the Bible in audio, and get them excited to raise funds for audio Bibles. One audio Bible can change the life of an entire family!

Contact us to learn more: 616.396.5291 or info@audioscripture.org.

NO FLASHLIGHT NEEDED

Everywhere I go, I carry a flashlight. It goes with me to church, to get groceries, to work, and to other countries. It's nothing flashy (no pun intended), just a little blue flashlight from the local discount store. I started carrying a flashlight more than a decade ago. Yes, I know smart phones have a flashlight app, but there's nothing quite like a "true" flashlight.

In January, Joshua Harrison, ASM Communications and Development Manager, and I traveled to visit Jim and Jamie Loker, ASM Latin America Directors, and the Mexico team. Did I carry my flashlight with me? Definitely.

In rural Mexico, when night falls, it falls hard. In the United States we've become accustomed to lights almost everywhere. And while many Mexican cities decorate their streets with beautiful hanging lights, out beyond the city, it's dark.

When traveling in the dark, you need wisdom to know when to turn back, when to have courage to plow ahead, and when to rely on a trusted guide. In Mexico, we had Pastor Oscar who knows the roads of Juchitan. Sitting in the van each night, Pastor Oscar confidently directed Jim this way and that, with me grateful that I wasn't going to be dropped somewhere and left to find my own way!

One night we pulled into a small village where, other than a small light above the local bodega, the beckoning bright light was coming from the local church (not pictured). I didn't need my flashlight to find the church as Pastor Alfredo, and his family, welcomed us warmly to the church. They, and many other pastors like them, live out Matthew 5:16, shining the light of Jesus: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (NIV).



Just like the church shining light into the dark Mexican night, I thank God that His Light is now shining in the hearts of thousands of men, women, and children around the world because they have heard God's Word in their own heart language on an audio Bible. This is the direct result of your prayers and financial support.

ASM believes that everyone who wants to hear God's Word should be able to do so. That's why over the next five years we're **Exploring** new regions, and new ways, to share God's Word; **Expanding** prayer support, collaboration with like-minded ministries, and developing new resources; **Empowering** and serving national ministries and leaders like Pastor Oscar and Pastor Alfredo; to help **Extend** the reach of God's Word.

I thank God for the ASM Board and ASM Teams globally. These gifted, committed men and women are passionately shining God's Light in the world. Yet, the task before us is huge.

Over 41% of the world (3 billion people) are still considered unreached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We need your help. Your prayers for wisdom, your counsel as we **Explore** new ideas and new opportunities, and your financial support are essential. *Thank you for being a part of shining God's light into the darkness—so that all may hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, no flashlight needed!*



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THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE...



One young couple in South Dakota recently used their wedding as an opportunity to make a lasting impact! In lieu of wedding gifts, they asked those celebrating with them to donate to ASM. "[We've] seen the fruit from ASM," this new husband explained, "and I love listening to the Bible myself, so I know how important it is."

Thanks to their passion for sharing God's Word, and the generosity of those celebrating their marriage, many families in Mexico, Mozambique, and elsewhere are now able to hear God's Word for the first time in their own heart language.

What creative ideas has the Lord given you to help connect more people to His Word? Could a birthday, anniversary, or other special event become a catalyst to bring the Gospel of Peace to hearts who need to hear it?

2018: CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

2018 was an exciting year of ministry at ASM! THANK YOU for your prayers, partnership and financial gifts that helped people around the world who can't, don't, or won't read have access to God's Word in their heart language.

The ASM 2018 report includes encouraging stories, photos, and statistics you won't want to miss! Download the report here:

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