



WHERE CAN I GET ONE?



Above the noise of the busy roadside market a voice cut through—causing people to stop and listen. **What was this voice? What was it saying?**

Both shoppers and merchants gathered around and marveled as they heard God’s Word in their heart language coming from a little box. **What is this? Where can I get one?**

As the audio Bible distribution team stood in that dusty market in a small village in central Mozambique, they were seeing the culmination of a journey that started months ago, and half a world away. The audio Bibles being distributed that day had been lovingly prepared, packed, and shipped as **part of the Mozambique Container Project**. You may remember the Container Project from several months ago—maybe you supported it in prayer or donated toward it!

Now, five months after their departure from Michigan, the audio Bibles reached their final destination in this small village in Mozambique. Many people had been **waiting their entire lives** for the day when they would receive God’s Word in their own heart language, and now it had finally come. Praise the Lord!

This important distribution was only made possible by the incredible generosity of God’s people through the Mozambique Container Project. **Thank you.** The Lord has used your prayers and donations to have an incredible impact on the people of Mozambique, **and we know that He is just getting started.**



ASM Team Members Steve and Sergio with a grateful Sunday School leader

“ I walked all the way from where you were distributing yesterday and I need one [audio Bible]. It will help me a lot because I am the Sunday School leader in the church I go to, and I do not have a Bible.”



MEET LUPE & JEMIMA

2020 IS HERE—AND THEY NEED GOD’S WORD

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José (called “Lupe”) and Jemima Gonzales are two key ASM team members in Mexico. Their kind and patient attitude is a testimony to everyone. **Lupe and Jemima are truly a blessing!** Together they are involved in almost every ministry aspect. They help identify languages that need the Bible recorded, meet with local pastors and leaders, and set up temporary recording studios in villages. Next, they help produce, edit, and process the Bible recording. Finally, they often return to help distribute the audio Bibles.



Lupe and Jemima **first met** during the multi-voice dramatized **recording** of the Guerrero Nahuatl New Testament. Jemima was reading several of the women’s parts and Lupe was the recordist. Lupe has served on the team since 2008, and Jemima joined in the work full-time after their marriage on Valentine’s Day 2015.

In spite of the hardships faced when traveling to and recording in remote locations, Lupe and Jemima consider it a privilege to share God’s Word all over Mexico. They take **great joy** in fellowshiping with other believers, and **witnessing the tears of joy when people receive and hear the audio Bibles for the first time** in their own language. The ASM Team honors their devotion to the Lord and His Work, and to each other. **Join us in praying** for the Lord’s continued blessing on Lupe and Jemima—and for additional faithful servants of the Lord who would follow their good example in this important work.

Learn about other ASM Team Members by visiting
www.audioscripture.org/about

A CHANGING WORLD...

The year 2020 once seemed to be so far in the distant future, didn’t it?

Now ... BOOM ... it’s here!

People have long predicted what our lives would be like in 2020. Some predictions were accurate—including self-driving cars and computer watches. Other predictions—such as time travel or vacationing on the Moon—were inaccurate. Some people even envisioned the stuff of *The Jetsons* (remember that cartoon?) ... aerocars, Rosie the Robot maid (I want one!), and automated meals.

This new decade has brought with it an unexpected global challenge in the form of the coronavirus. All around the world, people are dealing with unprecedented health challenges, grief from the death of friends and loved ones, adjusting to the new normal of staying inside and away from others, and an uncertain financial future. Now more than ever, people need the strong, solid foundation of God’s Word—and the ability to hear His promises that are true and trustworthy. They need to hear God’s Word in their own heart language.

This new decade brings **extraordinary opportunities** for us to **work together to share Jesus and build His church globally**. Yet with these opportunities, come sobering realities of people impacted by COVID-19, and the vast numbers of people still waiting to hear—even for the first time—of salvation and hope in Jesus.

More than 7,000 people groups, representing **3.2 billion people**, are considered “unreached.”¹ This year, Audio Scripture Ministries (ASM) is **prayerfully exploring Bible recording and distribution projects** with national leaders in 2 of those “unreached” people groups that together have a population of **over 10 million people**. Would you pray with us, and invest in this work to record and distribute God’s Word among those who need to hear it?



In 2019, **more people than ever before** in Mexico and Mozambique **heard the Bible because of your prayers and financial support of ASM**. Yet, in those two countries even more people need to hear. Chad Vanden Bosch, ASM Africa

...NEEDS GOD'S WORD

“over 1 billion people still live in ‘Bible Poverty’”

Director, says they need tens of thousands of audio Bibles to meet the hunger for God's Word in Mozambique. Please go to www.audioscripture.org/give to help provide

audio Bibles for Mexico or Mozambique.

The Joshua Project reports that over **1 billion people still live in “Bible Poverty,”** meaning they have little to no access to God's Word in their own language. **Nearly every day we receive requests from Christian brothers and sisters** in creative access countries **who request audio Bibles** because their people desperately need to hear about Jesus. Would you help us meet those requests by considering a “Where Most Needed” gift today to ASM? (www.audioscripture.org/give)

God's Word is a gift, and as believers in Jesus it's an essential part of our growing Christian faith. 2020 has been designated as the “Year of the Bible” (www.yearofthebible.com), an exciting opportunity for Christians around the world to celebrate God's Word and focus on increasing Biblical literacy, and access to the Bible. **YOU can be used by God** this year to **help give people access to His Word** through Audio Scripture Ministries.



So many are still waiting to hear. They don't want aerocars, or a vacation on the moon, they want—they need—God's Word. **Will you help them hear the Good News this year?**



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¹“An unreached or least-reached people is a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group without outside assistance with the Gospel” (www.JoshuaProject.net).

²Learn more about this term here: www.ibmglobal.org/creative-access-nations.

GOD WORKS THROUGH BOTH



She was declining in health when ASM's Compassionate Care Team visited her. Though weak, this 32-year-old woman was often left by herself as family members cared for others who were ailing. Through your support, this lady was one of 5 new patients in rural Mozambique who received palliative care visits by our team.

She expressed deep gratitude for the team as they visited her and ministered to her. **Thanks to your generous gifts, she also received her own audio Bible—and was overjoyed.** When our team next visited, her face glowed as she talked about the companionship and hope she felt from listening to the audio Bible all day, helping pass the long hours of pain and solitude.



NEW GRANT PROGRAM

We celebrate that through your generous support, Dara Vanden Bosch is now expanding these encouraging results by promoting the wider use of audio Bibles within health care. The newly-launched “Compassionate Care Grant Program” will empower other compassion ministries worldwide with tools to share the Bible in audio. The goal is to equip people serving in health care, relief and rescue, or humanitarian aid to more effectively reach out with the Gospel by using audio Scripture alongside their current outreach. Providing access to audio Scripture, while also being the “hands and feet of Jesus,” can lead to amazing personal and community transformation of those being served, as God works through both!

Learn more about this new initiative at
www.audioscripture.org/compassiongrant

“Solar players were incredible and [it] was so neat to see God work through them. Kingdom work!”
 –Pastor Ian (2019 Ghana trip)

Are you planning a mission trip this summer?

Do you serve among oral communicators—those who can't, don't, or won't read?

Solar-powered audio Bibles are a **long-lasting investment** that can help you **bridge language, literacy, and other barriers**—and can empower people to hear and **understand God's Word for themselves**.

Contact ASM's Resource Department today about adding these powerful evangelism and discipleship tools to your trip!



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YOU CAN'T LEAVE...

Last year, a Nahuatl-speaker named **Isabel** (not pictured) received an audio Bible with great joy from the ASM Mexico team. She, in turn, began to think of ways she could share God's Word with those around her who also spoke Nahuatl.



In addition to the usual roosters crowing and early morning village bustle, every morning at 6:00 am, Isabel's neighbors in southeast Puebla **started hearing something else**: the Bible, spoken in their own heart language!



Isabel had attached a horn-style speaker to her Nahuatl audio Bible, and would publicly share a chapter of Scripture every morning.

Some time later, she left town for an overnight trip. Upon her return, she was informed by her neighbors that **she can't leave again unless she gets a replacement** to play the audio Bible for her. She faced other "complaints" as well: "Why did the story end there? That was a bad place to stop. **Could you please play one more chapter?**" Thanks to *your gifts and partnership*, God's Word is being widely proclaimed to those who hunger to hear more!

Your gift of **one more audio Bible** can yield significant spiritual fruit when strategically placed with someone like Isabel, who eagerly hears and shares the Hope of God's Word.

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