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MEET JONATHAN

Jonathan Stoimenoff joined Audio Scripture Ministries (ASM) in October 2020 as **Resource Department Coordinator**. With a background in audio production and experience in manufacturing, Jonathan brings unique expertise to ASM. Since coming on board, Jonathan has been diligently **preparing and sending audio Bibles to areas in need**, and strengthening ministry partnerships so that many more people can dwell in God’s Word. In his first six months, Jonathan and the Global Support Team were able to send **over 2,000 audio Bibles in some 20 different languages, to more than 20 different countries**. Jonathan says as partners share the stories of how God is using audio Bibles in the lives of listeners, it confirms again the significance of providing the Bible in audio.



Jonathan also serves as Youth Pastor at his church in Kentwood, MI. He and his wife Tiffany, along with their three young children, are grateful to share God’s Word with those in their local community. In his youth group and in his own family, Jonathan says, “**God has shown his faithfulness** to us as we increase our time with Him and decrease the time we spend doing other things for ourselves.” Praise God for how He draws each of us closer to Him, and for bringing team members like Jonathan to help share His Word.



You can share God’s Word in audio with your neighbors, on your next mission trip, or in your church’s ministry.

Contact Jonathan by calling **616.396.5291** or emailing resources@audioscripture.org

THE “G” IN PARTNERSHIP

That isn't a typo and YES you did read that right.

Of course, there really isn't a “g” in the spelling of the word partnership, at least not in its English spelling!

Yet, there is a “g” in partnerships at Audio Scripture Ministries (ASM) because the “g” represents **Gospel Partnerships**. ASM gives priority to developing **Gospel Partnerships** that reach oral people groups who have limited (or no) access to God's Word in audio.

ASM believes that every person has the right—and the need—to hear God's Word in their own heart language. We also believe that God is honored, and ministry is strengthened when we work in **collaboration** with other like-minded individuals, churches and ministries. At the center of each partnership is our deep commitment that “... this Gospel of the kingdom will be **preached in the whole world** as a testimony to all nations,” (Matthew 24:14a, NIV).

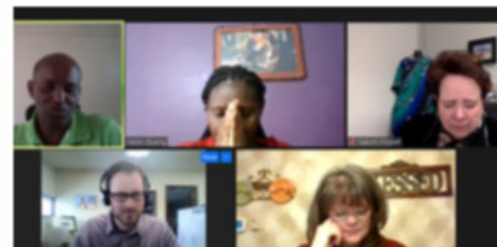
John 17: 20-23 records Jesus' prayer that His followers (*that means us!*) would be united, to the glory of God. What a beautiful reminder that **our unity as believers is an inward reflection of our heart's commitment to Jesus, and an outward demonstration to the world that God loves them.**

YOU are a part of each of these **Gospel Partnerships**—through your prayers, financial support, distributing audio Bibles, volunteering, and connecting ASM with your church, friends and ministries. *Thank you for everything that you are doing so God's Name will be proclaimed!*

Would you praise God with me for these recent Gospel Partnerships?

- 100 audio Bibles distributed in a Western Ethiopia orphanage and through a traveling evangelist—a partnership, with the generous support of an Alabama church, giving the **Gospel** to younger generations in Ethiopia and South Sudan, many of whom have been traumatized by regional violence.

- 200 SD card audio Bibles sent to national pastors and others in nomadic people groups in Northern Kenya—a partnership, supported by your generosity to the Audio Bibles Where Most Needed fund to train pastors to share the **Gospel** and better serve their congregations.



Praying with national partners in Kenya

- Free access to 80 different languages of audio Bible recordings (primarily languages on the continent of Africa)—a partnership with an audio Bible recording ministry, helping ASM share the **Gospel** in many more languages with those who need to hear.
- 2021 Mozambique Container Project providing audio Bibles, agricultural equipment, medical supplies, and humanitarian goods—a partnership, with some 50 churches, businesses and individuals, sharing the **Gospel** in Word and Deed in Mozambique.
- And the list goes on!

You've likely heard the African proverb, “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” With our eyes on Jesus, God is calling us to “go far” together into more **Gospel Partnerships** so that His Name will be proclaimed in new regions, to new language groups, using new technology, overcoming all barriers, and in every part of the world.

What a privilege we have to be part of sharing the hope of the Gospel—to the far ends of the earth. I'm **so grateful** to be on this journey with you ... let's go!



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FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE

Pain. Loneliness. Hopelessness. **Covered in the gloom of despair.** These were the daily realities Roda faced, with no end in sight. When Dara Vanden Bosch, ASM Compassionate Care Coordinator, and her team first visited her, Roda was grateful for the blanket they provided, "so there will be something nice to cover me when I die." During their initial visit she couldn't even find the desire to turn on her new audio Bible.



One week later, however, the Compassionate Care Team returned to find a **transformed Roda**. She was still suffering from numerous physical ailments but some pain had been alleviated. And, this time her face was shining with joy! For that whole week she had **listened to the message of Truth and Hope found only in God's Word.** The love of Jesus she felt from the Team, along with steady exposure to the light of His Truth, had **pierced through the clouds of hopelessness.**

Over a month later, the team visited again, only to hear a strange voice echoing across Roda's packed-dirt clearing. *Who was with Roda?* As they reached her, resting under a tree, they saw she was **still listening intently to her audio Bible.** Later, as they shared the Gospel message with her, she responded, "Yes, yes—I know, my [audio Bible] says that!"

Praise God that **His Word broke through** the misery of Roda's everyday life, to persistently shine hope, joy and love!

Many others like Roda feel abandoned, isolated and **without hope.** Your support of **\$40** (or more) to Audio Bibles-Where Most Needed will provide one more person with access to God's Word. Help someone like Roda **move from despair to joy** as they learn of God who loves them and provides **hope through Jesus Christ.**



EQUIPPED TO TRAIN OTHERS



"This will make it easier for me to share about Jesus with others" one excited young leader exclaimed at a recent Bible storying training led by Dr. Tara Rye, ASM's Bible Engagement Director.

In April, Tara led two such training events. At First Baptist Church (Bellevue, NE), she had the privilege of seeing three leaders she previously trained step out and lead their own sessions. The end result of this training: **people from four different congregations were equipped to better share God's Word through oral storytelling!**

One participant, Alice, said these sessions "are so important to helping us share the Bible!" Another participant said now "I just love the Word of God more ..."

Praise God for how He is using Tara to multiply kingdom ministry impact, by leading Bible Engagement trainings like these. She says there is **no greater joy than seeing Gospel multiplication:** the leaders she equipped with Bible engagement tools and training are **now equipping other leaders!**

Your prayers and support made this equipping possible! Continue to pray for the participants at these events—that God will grow their joy as they engage with His Word. Would you also please pray for the opportunity to share more of these events, and consider a financial gift to support ASM's Bible Engagement efforts?



Email Tara at tara.rye@audioscripture.org to learn more about Bible Engagement or a training event for your team or church.

ALL OF GOD'S WORD MATTERS



"Can you imagine—not having the Psalms?" Availability of the **full Bible** in audio is something God has been putting on the hearts of Jim and Jamie Loker, ASM's Latin America Directors. While the Old Testament (OT) in Spanish is available and may be understood by some, **heart language** translations of the OT have **not yet been completed** for many people groups in Mexico. Without this heart-language OT access, **many miss the joy of hearing God's story in its full context.**

Praise God for how He has recently opened the door for the ASM Mexico Team and Bible translation ministry partners to collaborate on **several OT projects**. One is the translation and recording of the OT in the **Nopala Chantino** language. This project brought so much excitement to the community that **nearly 80 people in the village are involved in the recording!** This has been a wonderful opportunity for people to participate in the process of proclaiming God's Word, giving them a sense of ownership of the recording, and **increasing their desire to share it with others.**



Please pray for the logistics of this multi-voice, team-effort recording. Pray also for **more audio recordists** for the Mexico Team and for wisdom in prioritizing the recordings waiting to be started.

Your support is essential: a gift to Latin America Projects helps bring the entirety of God's revealed Word, in audio, to those still waiting to hear.



2,698 CUBIC FEET OF LOVE



What real difference can one hand-knitted hat make in someone's life? The 3 or 4 hours you invested in knitting, choosing just the right yarn and pattern, praying for the person who will wear it, **is making a difference in Mozambique.** "People here in rural Mozambique often **feel like they're forgotten,**" explains Chad Vanden Bosch, ASM Africa Director. **You are helping Chad, and his wife, Dara, change that!**

This May, you helped fill a 40-foot shipping container with **2,968 cubic feet of love.** From handmade hats and blankets to crucial recording tools, medical supplies, and agricultural equipment, it's a **practical expression of love and help** that will equip the Vanden Bosch family and ASM teams in Mozambique. Chad and Dara will be able to say "... a friend in West Michigan, or a church in South Holland, IL, or someone else that you don't know, **did this for you.** Because they want you to know that **JESUS loves you, and we have not forgotten about you!**"

Your prayer and support means more people will hear and respond to God's Word, just like the man (pictured kneeling, front cover with New Harvest Farm Pastor Alberto) **who surrendered his life to Jesus** on the very first agricultural extension program visit. **Thank you for making this ministry possible.**

Track the container's 11,000 mile journey and receive "**In the Field**" updates from our team at New Harvest Farm by joining this **broadcast channel** (on the Telegram app):

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