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"We're broadcasting the Bible in our Mixteco [language], thanks to the audio Bible you brought!" the national partner told Jim and Jamie Loker, ASM's Latin America Directors.

After Jim's latest trip re-visiting villages in southern Mexico, we heard more good news. Several **new** low-wattage "community radio stations," many operating out of existing homes or churches, **are now broadcasting Bible recordings** in different indigenous heart

languages that our team has recorded.

People in rural, isolated villages without internet service cannot always download the audio Scriptures onto their cell phones. But now they can tune in and hear it on their radios.

Praise God for the growing ripple effect of each Bible recording. Thanks to YOUR prayers and support, many people in these communities are now **hearing the Bible in their own language**, for the first time ever!

As our ASM Mexico Team finishes up a Bible recording, there's always that sense of excitement... What will God do with this? How will it be used? How far will it reach? So far, we know of **ten radio stations using these recordings**. Soon, we pray, there will be more.

Until each family can receive their own audio Bible or get the recording to their phones, radio evangelists can encourage people to listen to more Scripture on their own community radio station.

Your investment in Latin America / Loker Projects makes it possible to record and share Bible books not yet recorded, such as the Book of Psalms in Amuzgo of Guerrero, or Genesis in the Otomi language of the Sierra (in 2022, Lord-willing!). Thank you—you are blessing countless thousands of people, for generations to come, with the priceless gift of God's Word!

MORE THAN EVER BEFORE

How often do you suppose you've heard or read John 3:16?

I was raised in a Christian family, and became a follower of Jesus at age 13. If I calculate hearing or reading John 3:16 even once a month since then, it's conceivable that I've heard the Truth of that single verse over 500 times!

Using that formula, what number did you calculate? Hundreds? A thousand?

Praise God that as believers together in Jesus, we've experienced the life-changing power of God's Word, and hear the hope and motivation of the Gospel reinforced time and again!

Your prayers and financial support of Audio Scripture Ministries (ASM) are giving many others the

opportunity to hear the Gospel, including John 3:16, in their own heart language.

Your support is helping make God's Word more available than ever before in history. Partners like Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH), Mega-Voice, and many others use ASM audio recordings. The impact of your donations to ASM extends far beyond our teams, as these audio Bible recordings are distributed by partner ministries.

FCBH, for example, provides the Bible in audio and in written form in almost 1,500 languages at www.Bible.is. Under the leadership of Jim and Jamie Loker, our Mexico team has recorded 42 full New Testaments in Oaxaca, Mexico languages being used by FCBH and others.

I thank the Lord for YOUR PART in this ever-widening impact of Bible recordings being done by ASM Teams and national partners in Mexico, Mozambique, India, and elsewhere.

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Still, the Joshua Project and Global Recordings Network estimate that of the 12,000 speech forms, languages and dialects, **5,500 STILL NEED the Scriptures to be recorded** in their own heart language.



Those numbers are huge, and sometimes hard to get our minds around. Yet it means that about **A THIRD of the people alive today still need to hear about Jesus**—many for the first time. *Incredible isn't it, that we have so much access to God's Word, but some people have little to no access?*

ASM believes that **everyone has the right—and the need—to hear God's Word in their own heart language.** Yet, "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? **And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?**" (Romans 10:14, NIV).

Your prayers and financial support are needed more than ever before so God's Word will be shared boldly and generously, to the glory of His Name. Your investment in sharing God's Word can be further expanded by making tax-advantaged gifts with:

- **Marketable Securities**, such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds
- **Annuity or Retirement Accounts**, such as 401K, 403B, and IRA
- **Family Foundation or Trust**
- **Memorial or Thoughtful Gifts**, in lieu of flowers
- **Will/Estate Designation**

Please call us to learn more (616.396.5291). Thank you for **investing generously so all may hear** the Good News of Jesus!

Visit audioscripture.org/john316 to listen to a sampling of John 3:16 in 10 world languages!



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What if the only Scriptures you could share were the ones you had hidden in your heart? In June, a young man reached out to ASM's Bible Engagement Director, Dr. Tara Rye, with the request that she help teach Biblical storytelling to him and his wife. They live in a South Asian country where most people are oral learners and face many restrictions to accessing God's Word.



"It is very important we have the Bible in our heart in stories," this man explained, "because we are not allowed to carry a Bible. It is not safe. But, we can carry stories."

Tara and her husband Greg started leading this couple through Biblical storytelling training sessions, practicing how to **listen, learn, share, and teach Bible stories**. In each lesson Tara would tell a specific Bible story and ask what they had learned. They would then discuss the elements in the story and repeat it aloud several times until it was well established in their minds. The couple enjoyed the process so much that **they scheduled a training to equip other believers**. They gathered a group of women from **5 different villages!** In this follow-up training, eight women attended. Five husbands also joined, to see what their wives were learning. Excited to learn God's Word this way, **each woman wanted a turn to share the Bible story. Then the men wanted to share the Bible stories too!** Their enthusiasm has led to regular training to learn more Bible stories.

Pray for these men and women as they tell Bible stories in their community, and for this national leader as he records the Bible in his language. **Thank you for your prayers and support in helping share God's Word!**



GOD SPEAKS RENDILLE



"Our Manyatta [encampment] is **bursting with God's Word!**"—the village chief called to say, after Pastor David, and Helen (TheoVision Kenya), delivered the audio Bibles you provided.

Your gifts to "Audio Bibles - Where Most Needed" meant these young leaders, pastors, and other church leaders (pictured, above) were equipped with SD cards of audio Bibles and Bible Engagement Resources in local languages.

Pastor David reports great excitement from the community. The village chief exclaimed: **"It's God speaking to us through our heart language! God is speaking Rendille. Thank you for coming to us and bringing Jesus to us."**

Life in Northern Kenya is not easy. This desert region is one of the poorest and least developed in Kenya. Continued drought has brought great hardship. As boreholes dry up, water becomes scarce and livestock die.

Through ASM Integral Mission, generous donors provided Pastor David with 10 trucks of 20,000 liters of water each (*one truck pictured, right*). **Thank you for providing much-needed relief in an area where water is a precious commodity, and people live far from water resources.**

Your prayers and financial support are helping the Rendille hear God's Word in their own language—and learn how to share the Gospel in stories! Pray for this region to receive physical rain, and also for spiritual showers of blessing.





MEET WANDA



Wanda Maloy began serving with ASM in 1999 after moving to Michigan with her husband and two children. She had **felt God leading her** into some form of mission work and was later directed to ASM. Two decades later, she plays a vital role in connecting more people to God's Word by coordinating many of the behind-the-scenes functions as ASM's Operations Manager. While supporting ASM projects, she visited Mozambique and India to participate in audio Bible distributions.

Wanda describes how meaningful it has been to see God working powerfully in people's lives all around the world. She adds, **"Whether you know the language or not—there is a connection through God's spirit!"**

Closer to home, Wanda says she has also been encouraged working alongside coworkers who are fellow believers, eager to share God's Word. Studying the Bible together, praying together, and living the daily Christian life together are some of her favorite moments at work. ASM's staff, donors, volunteers, and community friends, are an extension of Wanda's family. When she's not working at ASM, Wanda loves being outside enjoying God's creation—hiking, kayaking, walking her dog, or picking blueberries for her friends.



We are so grateful for Wanda and her 22+ years of investment, helping bring God's Word to those who have not yet heard.

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"Sometimes God gives you a 'holy moment,'" Dara Vanden Bosch, ASM's Compassionate Care Coordinator, shares.

Jorgina had died. Mother, grandmother, she was so loved. Her suffering was over. No more pain, no more medication. After more than **3 years** of regularly visiting her and her family, **praying with them, sharing God's Word, and helping provide physical care for her**, ASM's Compassionate Care Team joined this special family in mourning their loss.

Culturally, after the funeral, tears are to be suppressed. But one daughter could not hold them in. They had all seen the ASM team **demonstrate the love of Jesus**, week after week. **"Thank you, sister,"** is all she could whisper to Dara.

The **2021 Mozambique Container** had just arrived with a timing that Dara says "couldn't have been more perfect." Dara and her team were able to give **carefully-sewn blankets, and a small, hand-made doll to each child in the family.**



These gifts didn't remove the grief of the devastating loss of their grandmother and mother. But rather **reaffirmed** the week-by-week demonstration of the love of Jesus. Dara says it felt so right. "It couldn't have been more holy. **The love of Jesus flowed from a heart nurtured in Minnesota, [through gifts] packaged in West Michigan, and received in central Mozambique.**" She adds, "I'll never know all that was happening among this family, through this death, but ... this holy moment was just that, deeply holy and deeply meaningful."



Listen to Dara describe this poignant moment *made possible through your prayers and support*, at www.audioscripture.org/holy-moment