



GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER

AUDIO SCRIPTURE MINISTRIES
2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Audio Scripture Ministries helps connect people to God's Word in their own heart language, by recording and distributing the Bible and Bible engagement resources in audio.

As Bright As The Promises of God!

Adoniram Judson was an American missionary who served in Burma (now Myanmar) for 40 years. “*What hope do you have for Burma?*” Adoniram was asked, at one of the lowest points in his life—after the death of two wives and several children, illness, persecution, and a lack of notable progress.

Judson responded, “*The future is as bright as the promises of God.*”

These “bright promises of God” Judson referred to are **promises we all have** the privilege of listening to and meditating on **as we dwell in God’s Word** (Colossians 3:16-17). One Biblical scholar says there are **over 7,000 (!)** promises from God in the Bible. Can you imagine hearing for the very first time the promises God makes in Joshua 1:9 or Romans 8:38-39?



This year, thousands of people, in more than 32 countries and in 117 languages, now hear these bright promises of God because the Lord used YOU in their lives. Your prayers and financial support of Audio Scripture Ministries (ASM) have shared these beautiful promises of God through resonating audio Scripture, multiplying Bible Engagement, and serving as the hands and feet of Jesus in Integral Mission. **All praise and glory to God!**

ASM’s 2021 Annual Report is an exuberant shout of thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness in fulfilling His promises, and an expression of heartfelt gratitude for His provision through

you. New partnerships in South Asia, Greater South Asia, Latin America, on the continent of Africa (country names removed for security reasons) and in the United States have **provided audio Bibles** for pastors and Christian leaders, war orphans and refugees, the elderly, those physically disabled, and to children and women marginalized by their societies. *We praise our generous God for all that He accomplished in 2021 and give thanks to God for you, our generous friends and partners in ministry.*

From encouraging statistics to the stories of transformed lives, families, and communities—join us in **celebrating God’s generous love for each of us** through His Son, and the privilege He gives us as **partners to share Gospel-hope** with those who desperately need to hear it.

Adoniram Judson went on to translate the Bible into Burmese, a revised version of which is still used some 175 years later. He and his team generously poured their lives into Burma, **giving their all—even their very lives—so that God’s Word could be shared in the local language** and the Gospel could be proclaimed. Judson’s commitment to evangelism, his pioneering work in Bible translation, and his firm faith in Jesus in the midst of suffering are humbling examples for us today.

Christian persecution, a pandemic, terrorism, extreme weather, economic and societal changes don’t surprise God, and certainly don’t limit His promises. In fact **they make God’s trustworthy promises sweeter, and even more urgent to share.**



Naomi A. Frizzell
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Executive Director

ADDRESSING THE NEED

2 BILLION

UNREACHED

Nearly two billion people worldwide are considered Unreached. They **still lack access** to the **Gospel of Jesus** in a format or language they can understand.

5,500

BIBLE RECORDINGS ARE STILL NEEDED*

Most unreached people groups comprise oral learners. **Audio and visual tools are needed to effectively reach oral learners** with the Gospel of Jesus.

95% OF PASTORS

worldwide have had **no formal training** (Joshua Project, 2021) and many lack access to God's Word in their own language.

*(2020 estimate—Global Recordings Network)

IN 2021 WITH YOUR HELP

Audio Scripture Ministries
and our Gospel Partners distributed

7,810+

AUDIO BIBLES



IN



117

HEART LANGUAGES

FINISHING

17

BIBLE RECORDINGS



EQUIPPING



1,000+

PASTORS AND LEADERS

GOSPEL PARTNERSHIPS

We thank God for every Gospel Partner who prays, records, distributes, shares God's Word, so *all* will hear!

ASM prioritizes partnerships that focus on those with little or no access to God's Word.

“

I know truth—I heard it from this device!”

—A (now former) terrorist, as he listened to the audio Bible he had stolen.



“

It's **too dangerous to carry** a [physical] Bible here, but I can carry these Bible stories [in my heart]!”

—Bible Engagement Partner in Greater South Asia

“

Thank [you] for helping raise the needed funds for the M* New Testament recording.

It will help an entire community access God's word in Audio. This past year [we were] able to distribute [thousands of] devices through courier service and from our office. Praise the Lord!”

—ASM partner in South Asia



“

Our Manyatta [encampment] is **bursting with God's Word!**

...Thank you for coming to us and bringing Jesus to us.”

—Village chief in North Kenya

GOD'S WORD



(Actual picture!)

(pseudonym), one of the terrorists, texted a picture to his brother, who knew ASM's partner there, asking about the device.

“

**I'm an evil man...
Could your God possibly love me?"**

Miraculously, the audio Bible still played, *and was in their language!* As they listened, each one was **struck to the heart by God's Word**. Mukafi* said, "I know truth—I heard it from this device!" In great distress, the (now former) terrorist confessed, "I'm an evil man, I've done horrible things. Could your God possibly love me?" ASM's partners told him the story of the Apostle Paul's transforming encounter with Jesus, and that **he too could have the same forgiveness**.

God continued to work and **their hearts were changed**. They destroyed their weapons and began searching out other bands roaming the area, forcefully telling them,

"Stop killing—it's not what God wants, we can't be like that any more!"

NEVER RETURNS VOID

Mukafi* asks for your prayers as he learns more about God and shares Jesus with others, and for **those who are still waiting to hear the life-changing truth about God and His love**.



Providing God's Word in audio is truly a **team effort**. The process often starts with research and exploration by **Jonathan Stoimenoff** (pictured, above left), Resource Department Coordinator, from ASM's Global Support Team in Michigan. Jonathan receives audio Bible requests, researches Bible and Bible Engagement content by language, loads audio Bible devices produced by ministry partners, and (often with the help of volunteers) tests, labels, and ships the devices for distribution.

The hunger and need for God's Word is GROWING! **"We could easily send out hundreds more audio Bibles,"** several Gospel partners told our team this year. Would you pray for God to provide the funding needed to distribute even more audio Bibles in 2022? **Pray for Gospel partners** serving in Ethiopia, Haiti, Kenya, Mexico, Mozambique, South Asia, the Philippines, Uganda, and elsewhere—and for the people still desperately waiting to hear.



INVESTING IN LATIN AMERICA



Jim and Jamie Loker, ASM's Latin America Directors, assisted local pastors in **placing audio Bibles** in many new areas in 2021. In one village, they met **Nayeli*** (pseudonym), who had **dreamed that someone would come to her door** "with a Bible that spoke [her heart

language of] **Zapotec**." When Jim and Jamie showed up and gave her an audio Bible, Nayeli (pictured, bottom-right in red skirt), was overjoyed and immediately began listening to God's Word. **Her dream had come true—God was speaking her language!**

"**Hearing God's Word has changed my heart**" testified another person, baptized this year. During the pandemic, **hundreds of people came to know Christ** while listening to their audio Bibles at home, and were waiting for an opportunity to be baptized. In one region, ASM's national partner Pastor Oscar reported more than **600 baptisms** this year!

God's Word is going forth, and it does not return void. God has used your **faithful support** to bring increased Gospel opportunities and fruit through Bible recordings, video dubs, and discipleship.



Recording God's Word is a labor of love and **sacrifice**. While recording the New Testament (NT) in Mazatec of Ixcatlán, some of our readers **lost loved ones** to local violence. This gave the readers a **sense of urgency** for their community to hear the Gospel. They continued recording, not only finishing the NT but also completing a recording of the Pentateuch in 2021.



Nayeli* dreamed someone would come to her door "with a Bible that spoke Zapotec."

Today your support means **many other portions of the Old Testament (OT)** are being recorded and distributed in dozens of languages of Mexico. OT summaries, the Pentateuch, and individual books of Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Isaiah and others are planned in addition to important New Testament recordings.

By God's grace, the ASM Mexico team **dubbed more Bible videos in 2021 than ever before**—the Jesus Film, Book of Luke, and book of Genesis videos. They have also begun dubbing the **Deditos** series, which uses finger puppets to dramatize **Bible stories for children**. Many people have watched these Bible videos with great joy in **hearing God speak their own language**.

Praise God for all He is doing as His Word goes forth and takes root!



INVESTING IN MOZAMBIQUE



"I am so humbled that I get to be the **bearer of good gifts**," said Dara Vanden Bosch, ASM's Compassionate Care Coordinator, as she distributed lovingly and prayerfully compiled knitted and crocheted hats, personalized blankets and comforting hospice kits. Dara and

her team **shared these gifts in the name of Jesus** with their hospice and palliative care patients immediately after the 2021 Mozambique Container arrived in August.

Your prayers and generosity provided nearly 2,700 cubic feet of recording equipment, medical supplies, agricultural equipment, and humanitarian goods for **the ministry of Chad and Dara Vanden Bosch and their teams**. Roda, Lorenzo, Luisa, and many more are now wrapped in warm blankets and receiving tender care **because you responded to God's call** to minister to the people of Central Mozambique. Thank you for helping them **hear—and feel—God's love for them!**

New Harvest Farm is expanding its impact in the region, addressing issues of significant food insecurity while sharing God's Word in audio. Distributing quality agricultural seed and planting additional land has allowed Chad Vanden Bosch, ASM's Africa Director, to connect



the need for resilience and perseverance in the **daily spiritual walk with God** with hands-on **practical tips for a more bountiful harvest**.

Currency fluctuations, severe weather, crop failure, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic have all challenged ministry in Mozambique.

Yet, God, using the generosity of His people, has **expanded** the impact of the Vanden Bosch's ministry.



New doors are open in the community... for a bountiful physical and spiritual harvest in Mozambique!"

More Bible recordings are being completed and **thousands of audio Bibles have been distributed**. New doors are open in the community because of **the Container contents you provided**, and the testimony of **the Vanden Bosch's faithful, sacrificial service** to the community.

Corn shellers and blankets. Bandages and fence posts. Access to God's Word. Common items in the United States, yet prized in Mozambique. **Good gifts** that God has used you to generously provide, sowing for a bountiful **physical and spiritual harvest** in Mozambique.

Pray for the Vanden Bosches and their teams as they continue to share Jesus in Word and Deed with those who still need to hear.



BIBLE ENGAGEMENT



"Can we do this Bible storytelling training again? We want to bring all our friends!"

God answered your prayers for open doors for the Gospel! Dr. Tara Rye, ASM's Bible Engagement Director, had no idea all that God was going to do through one strategic couple who reached out to her in June 2021, from Greater South Asia.

"Will you train my wife to teach Bible stories?" the man asked. After a series of video-call training sessions with Tara and her husband, Greg, equipping this young, enthusiastic couple to tell and teach Bible stories in their own language, the young evangelist reported back, "My wife has already taught [these women]—from five villages." One of those trained is a school teacher, who taught the Bible story to all her students. Many of the children in turn went home and taught the Bible stories to their family members.



(faces protected for security)

At another training event with Tara and Greg, all the husbands were curious about what their wives were learning, and came along to listen (from a separate room, due to cultural norms). Halfway through the training, they shared enthusiastically, "This is important for everyone, we want to participate in all future trainings!"

We praise God for how He is using Tara and Bible Engagement efforts to spark Gospel multiplication, as more leaders are equipped

to share God's Word boldly. Every aspect of ASM's Bible Engagement is to help people **Be in the Word, Be with Jesus, and Be Transformed**. Your support of Tara has equipped leaders around the world through Bible story sets and storytelling techniques that address specific needs, so the Gospel can be shared most effectively in a given cultural context. Thank you for praying and giving!



This is SO IMPORTANT for us—
where we live, we cannot take a Bible. We have to have the story inside, to be able to tell."

How can ASM help equip your missions team, your youth group, your family with tools to better share and engage with God's Word? *Contact us today!*



IN WORD AND DEED

725

COMPASSIONATE CARE VISITS

Bringing medical care and Gospel hope to **palliative and hospice care patients** and their families in rural Mozambique.



160+

LOCAL FARMING FAMILIES

were provided good seed through **New Harvest Farm** in Mozambique, addressing family food security needs alongside spiritual needs.

COMPASSIONATE CARE AUDIO BIBLE GRANT

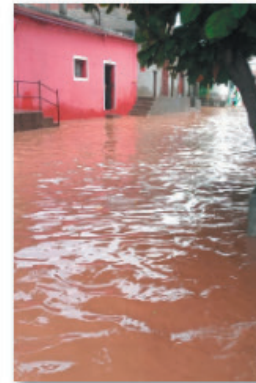
"I knew God would show me the right people, at the right time," said an ASM Partner.

"I was going to visit Hippolito (*not pictured*), who had been waiting for a surgery for two months now. No TV, nothing, just laying there, waiting. I had a dream where God prompted me, 'Give Hippolito a Bible, he can sit there and listen...!' And all the other men in the room are **now listening too!**"



KENYA WATER TRUCKS

One region of Northern Kenya where you helped sow God's Word has been challenged by more than 4 years of drought. Through a special fund, ASM provided Pastor David, in Korr, Kenya, with 10 trucks of 20,000 liters of water each. Thank you for your prayers and for providing water and the Living Water, to those who are thirsty!



FLOODING IN MEXICO

Summer floods in Oaxaca caused severe damage to many homes. Illness assailed many recordists and partners. But **through your prayers and support, God provided much-needed relief** to our brothers and sisters recording and distributing the Bible.

GOSPEL SOWING



PRAISE GOD FOR EFFECTIVE TOOLS

to share His Word more widely around the world.

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**Everyone is asking about my audio Bible.
They want to listen, too!”**

—Evangelist in Ethiopia

**“God came to me by means of this
(audio Bible) and knocked on the door
of my heart and my home.**

—Zapotec speaker in Mexico

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SO ALL WILL HEAR

EACH AUDIO BIBLE MEANS



One more person **can carry and share** God's Word wherever they go, with family, friends, coworkers, and others.



Learn more: www.audioscripture.org/tools

ASM'S GLOBAL TEAM



Back Row: Diego, Jamie, Jim, Joshua, Lupe, Estêvão, Naomi, Chad, Dara, Jonathan
Middle Row: Rabeca F., Rabeca J., Salvador, Tara, Jemima, Alberto, Sergio, Lonna, Don
Front Row: Allison, Edi, Marjorie, Lloyd, Wanda, Marianna, Isaías, Priscilla

Names listed from left to right

Read their stories at
www.audioscripture.org/ASM-team

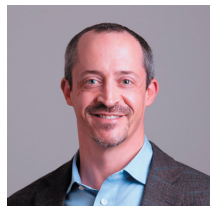
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FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT



80
CHURCHES
DONATED

joining in the Great Commission to reach the many without the Bible in their own heart language.



668+
INDIVIDUALS
DONATED

sending generous support so more people can receive God's Word in audio.



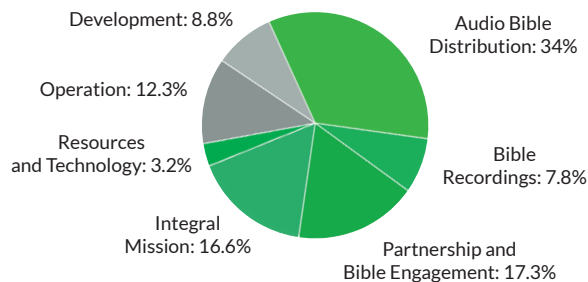
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ORGANIZATIONS
DONATED

committing business, foundation, and partnership resources to help share God's Word in an accessible way.

2020-21 INCOME: \$1,357,329

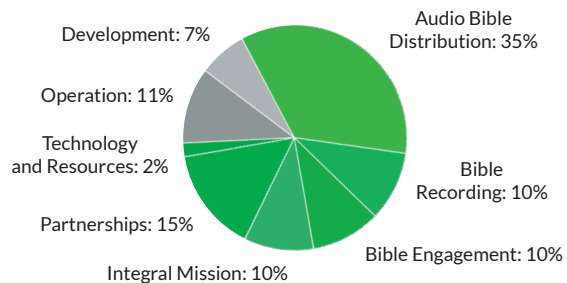
2020-21 EXPENSES

\$1,130,089



2021-22 EXPENSE GOALS

\$1,269,895



ASM's most recent financial reports are available online at www.audioscripture.org/financial-reports. ASM also receives an annual third-party audit. For a copy of the report, please call our office at +1.616.396.5291.

BECAUSE YOU GAVE

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Now I know I can talk to God
**BECAUSE HE SPEAKS
MY LANGUAGE**

—Isthmus Zapotec audio Bible listener in Mexico



“

It's the last thing I hear at night, and
the first thing in the morning...
HOW CAN I FORGET GOD'S WORD NOW?"

—Pastor Thomas in Mozambique

**"The audio Bibles are appreciated
by **EVERYONE** here... because
we learn by listening.**

— Chaplain in Haiti (Many Hands for Haiti)

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Your IRA distributions, stock gifts, estate and other planned gifts are helping share God's Word with more people. *Thank you!*

Learn more about other ways to give:
www.audioscripture.org/planned-giving

A **terrorist transformed** by hearing God's Word. A **pastor** who can now hear God's Word on his own audio Bible. A **mother** whose dream came true—God's Word spoken in her Zapotec language!

God did all of this—and even more than we can know—through **your faithful prayers and support.**

Today, millions of people are **still waiting** to hear the Good News of Jesus. Your prayers and financial gifts **will mean we can reach others** like Mukafi* and Nayeli* with the Gospel of Jesus.

How is God leading you to pray, give, and share His Word today?



ASM is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.



ASM's sound fiscal management practices, and commitment to accountability and transparency, have earned a 4 out of 4-stars rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator.



ASM has earned the platinum seal of transparency from Guidestar, their highest rating.



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PRAY WITH US IN 2022

- For **more "laborers for the harvest"** (Luke 10:2), so Jesus' Name would be glorified and salvation in His Name would be proclaimed widely around the world.
- For **persecuted Christians worldwide**, that God will give them the right words (Eph. 6:19), peace and grace in difficult circumstances (2 Cor. 12:9), protection and deliverance (Heb. 13:19), and a faithful witness in the midst of suffering (Acts 16:25).
- For funding, completion, and distribution of **needed audio Bible recordings** among people groups still without God's Word. Pray for strength for Bible readers, recordists, and audio editors.
- For **ASM's Gospel Partners**—churches, national leaders, individuals, and ministries praying, supporting, recording, distributing, and connecting more people to God's Word.
- For **those listening to God's Word** daily. Ask for understanding and obedience of God's Word and Holy-Spirit-boldness to share with others.
- For **open doors** to additional partnerships with those who will use audio Scripture for evangelism, discipleship, and church planting, so **God will be glorified** and worshipped.
- For **physical and spiritual protection** for the ASM Global Team and Board, and the faithful partners who help distribute audio Bibles worldwide.

Sign up for **weekly prayer updates** at www.audioscripture.org/pray

2021 AR

PLEASE DESIGNATE MY GIFT TO...

WHERE MOST
NEEDED—ASM
OTHER

☐ \$ _____
☐ \$ _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Yes! Send me regular prayer requests and updates by:

☐ Email and/or ☐ Mail

☐ E-receipts only, to help my gift go farther
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