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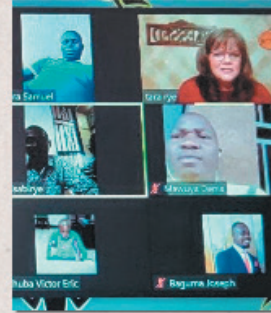
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## WHEN IT ALL WENT WRONG



A recent Zoom training session with 12 East African pastors proved that sometimes it feels like things just go wrong. Yet in the midst of it all, God had a plan.

ASM's Bible Engagement Director, Tara Rye was asked earlier this year by a Ugandan leader to teach local pastors Bible-story-centric discipleship techniques. These pastors were **eager to attend** and waited patiently for the day of training to arrive. Yet on that day, many could not attend because of technical issues. One pastor was even interrupted repeatedly by a neighborhood rooster that kept crowing loudly every time he tried to speak.

By the end of the training, Tara reports that **only two leaders** were left. **But it only took two.** These two remaining pastors were so inspired that the same day they **gathered the others to immediately re-teach what they'd learned**. Praise God!

Pastor Joseph exclaimed that the training "**really makes the Bible go into your heart**." Pastor Herbert added, "**I will use this every day...** in my community and daily life. I am going to teach and use this method to encourage!" Please be praying for **Pastor Joseph, Pastor Herbert, and the many other pastors** seeking Biblical training to better understand God's Word and to teach it to their congregations.

Now Tara is planning additional Zoom training to help serve, resource and equip these pastors. **But next time, hopefully without the rooster!**

Thank you! **Your prayer and support of Bible Engagement** is equipping pastors—to "**Be in the Word. Be with Jesus. Be Transformed.**"

(Front cover: Training in Greater South Asia)





# RADICAL GENEROSITY



"Lord, please help me to be generous," is my prayer every day. I've found, maybe you have too, that praying to live generously is like asking God for patience. Opportunities to live that prayer generously toward others come at the most "inconvenient" times!

British evangelist and theologian John Wesley said, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." His all-in statement doesn't really leave anything out, does it? It's a call to the **radical generosity** of serving—wherever, however, to whomever, by all means possible.

**"As believers in Jesus, our model of radical generosity is GOD HIMSELF."**

**Radical generosity** is a core value at Audio Scripture Ministries (ASM). ASM believes **every person** has the right and the need to hear God's Word in their own heart language. Through **every available means**—audio Bible recordings, cell phone apps, story-centric discipleship, hospice and palliative care, addressing food insecurity, and the list goes on—God is using *your prayers and financial support of ASM to generously share the Gospel Good News.*

As believers in Jesus our model of **radical generosity** is God Himself. The Apostle Paul reminds us that, "...God, who is rich in mercy, because of His **great love** with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ**" (Eph. 2:4-5a, NIV).



Praise God that while we were still dead in our sins, His **radical, generous** love and mercy provided a way for us to come alive again through Jesus Christ. Yet, just imagine never hearing that Gospel Good News. For **1.6 billion people in the world** that's a daily reality because they haven't yet heard of God's generous love and generous hope.

Together, we're helping to change that by responding generously to those who are eager to hear the Gospel Good News.



## 1.6 BILLION PEOPLE haven't yet heard

God is using you to provide audio Bibles, Bible Engagement training and resources, and holistic support to an ever-expanding group of Gospel partners in Greater South Asia, in Mozambique, Mexico, Uganda, Kenya, and elsewhere on the continent of Africa, and in the United States. **God is using you to share** His love through Rabeca (Mozambique), Edi (Mexico), John (Greater South Asia), Asaph (East Africa), Samuel (South Asia), and many other men and women who pour themselves out in **radical generosity** so that God's name is proclaimed. **Thank you.**

That's the life I want to live, a life of **radical generosity**. Together, let's do **all we can**, in all the ways we can, in all the places we can, at all the times we can, to all the people we can, as long as ever we can ... **so that all may hear God's Word!**



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## NEW BIBLE FILMS



Praise God for how **your investment in Bible recording** is expanding the spread of the Gospel—now through Bible films dubbed in many indigenous languages of Mexico! Jim and Jamie Loker, ASM Latin America Directors, share that people are now **watching these Bible films** on their phones or via flash drives that connect to their televisions.

In 2021 the ASM Mexico Team dubbed 9 episodes of the “Deditos” videos produced by our Guatemala partner Viña Studio. These creative Bible tellings use “finger actors” to convey stories in a simple and fun way. The resulting Zapotec Bible story videos have been **joyfully received by families in the community**, and the team is now dubbing these videos in other languages of Mexico.

In January, the ASM Mexico team also celebrated the completed audio dubbing of the **Genesis film** (produced by Cru), in **Mazatec of Eloxochixtlan**.

The Lokers also work with local partners to share **Lumo films** (pictured below) that use Gospel recordings in languages that our team has completed. These films use visually-dramatized scenes overlaid with word-for-word Scripture narration. There are now Lumo films in **80+ languages of Mexico**, many recordings for which you’ve prayed!

God is expanding the reach of His Word through these new Gospel tools. Thank you for helping God’s Word go forward in ever-expanding formats. Pray for open hearts as more people receive these Bible films and hear God’s story and His redemptive work.



## CLEAR HOPE IN PRISON



Alaska is considered by many to be America’s “last frontier” because of its vast untamed beauty. Yet like many states, the last frontier struggles with high prison recidivism. Alaska Prison Chaplain Scott Thomas says **more than two thirds of inmates in Alaska “are reincarcerated within 3 years,”** which he attributes to spiritual and physical issues, including “lack of community support, housing, and opportunity.” COVID-19 precautions have further isolated these men and women, canceling most prison Bible studies and other outreach efforts. The need for hope and help is great to reach the nearly 2,000 men and women in Alaska’s correctional system.

We praise God that **His Word is bringing change and hope to inmates** through partners like Chaplain Scott and his wife, Kelly, who started Faith Recovery Fellowship in 2014. They are seeing the Gospel of Jesus change lives, time and time again in Alaska!

In 2021, Chaplain Scott received official **approval to distribute specially-designed clear plastic audio Bibles to inmates** (pictured) at one of the prison facilities. Ten “clear” audio Bibles were “gobbled up immediately” by the inmates, according to Chaplain Scott, who says they quickly distributed 10 more and then started a waiting list. **Now half of the men in the facility are listening to God’s Word on their own audio Bible.** Praise the Lord!

These audio Bibles were also designated as individual “Property” so the men are **able to keep them upon their release from prison.** Pray for lasting change in their lives as they hear and apply God’s Word both inside and outside the prison walls!

Thank you for **your support to help share God’s Word** with those hungry to hear it, like these inmates in Alaska. Would you consider making a gift today, designated to **“Audio Bibles—Where Most Needed”** to help share God’s love in many more places like this?





## MEET EDI



At age 15, Edi Martinez began working with Jim and Jamie Loker in Mexico. Born and raised in Mitla, Oaxaca, **Edi has a passion for bringing God's Word** to the many people groups of Mexico, in their own heart language.

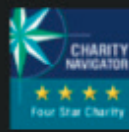
After joining the ASM Mexico team, Edi quickly learned recording techniques and helped with various projects. Since that time, he has **traveled widely, faithfully serving as a recording technician**. Most recently he handled the final on-site recordings for the New Testament recordings in Mixtec San Juan Colorado and Mazatec de Ayautla.

His **flexibility and willingness to serve wherever needed** are a great asset to the ASM Mexico Team. A shining example of his hard work was helping coordinate 2021's multi-voice recording of the Old Testament in the Nopala Chatino language. **He helped record the 70+ people** from Nopala who participated, most of whom did not read and had to listen to another reader and then repeat their own lines!

**We praise God for Edi's years of faithful ministry recording God's Word!** Pray for strength, safety and God's wisdom as Edi records in villages or edits in the studio.



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## LET IT SHINE



When called to visit a new patient, the Compassionate Care (CC) Team never knows what kind of circumstances they will walk into. Recently they were **called back to a home where the patient's sister-in-law is a practicing witch doctor**. The patient is a Christ-follower and no longer allows her sister-in-law to practice "traditional medicine" on her. During the visit the witch doctor lamented that she didn't feel like "the spirits" were with her any longer. This gave the CC team an **opportunity to share the Gospel**

and encourage her to give her life to Jesus. "Maybe one day, but not today" she said. **Let's pray together for this woman to turn to the Lord.**

**"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5, NIV).** Would you please pray for Jesus' light to permeate the darkness surrounding this woman and her family, that soon they would know the light and hope of Jesus?

Our Mozambique ASM teams, led by Chad and Dara Vanden Bosch, feel the weight of the spiritual need and oppression in their area. **People need that Gospel light that Chad and Dara and their teams are bringing!**

Dara recently shared how moved she was to see Jesus work through Rabeca, a CC team member, as Rabeca sat with a woman in pain and just held her as she cried. **"It's easy to see God's presence when someone acts like Jesus,"** Dara said. Praise God for His work of compassion through these Integral Mission efforts.

**Your prayers and support** are propelling His Word forward, **shining His Light** into the lives of those hungry for hope! We also celebrate that **despite recording challenges**, our team completed a several-year process recording the **Old Testament in Makua of Nampula.**

