



**SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER** 



# **PRAYING FOR RECORDINGS**



Your faithful prayers are absolutely essential for audio Bible recording projects! We know the enemy of the soul does not want to lose ground, and once God's Word is unleashed in a new language, it is a powerful weapon! As one pastor in Juchitan, Mexico said, "Receiving the Bible in audio is like a spark, setting everything alight," because so many people "can now hear God speaking in words they can understand."

God give us wisdom, discernment, and favor with logistics in:

- choosing the right "voice talent" when so few people know how to read in their heart language
- working with a limited number of participants in the target language area; often we cannot hold "auditions" for the various speaking parts in a dramatized New Testament recording
- scheduling our limited number of audio recordists to travel to remote villages, in addition to "voice talent", and making sure housing, meals, and travel are provided can be challenging
- continuing amidst planting and harvest seasons, extreme weather, earthquakes, limited water and electricity, family illness and death, along with the other challenges of working in small villages which can delay recordings

**Praise God for partners** like Faith Comes By Hearing and churches and individuals who have helped fund these recordings. YOUR prayer and support is **helping the people of Mexico hear the Good News of Jesus** and walk in His light.

Would you pray with us for the needed recordings this year—that the spark of the Gospel will be lit through these audio Bible recordings? Pray that all potential obstacles will be conquered in Jesus name. Thank you!

# GO(ING) IN OBEDIENCE



**Go.** The word can be a stern command ("go away!") or a joyful exclamation ("we're going!").

God reminds us frequently in His Holy Word of the importance of going in obedience to Him. In fact, the word "go" or "going" appears thousands of times in Scripture. A friend of mine once told me, "When God repeats Himself, He wants us to pay special attention!"

Genesis 12 records *God's command* to Abram to *go* (leave and go), *God's promise* (blessings of a great name, land and nation), and *Abram's immediate obedience* ("So Abram went ..."). Moses, Joshua and Ruth are a few other "heroes of the faith" who followed God's command to *go* into the unfamiliar.

God didn't ask them—and He doesn't ask us—to figure everything out and THEN go. God challenged them—and He challenges us today—to deeper trust when He calls us to go from the familiar to the unknown. God asks for obedience and trust, reminding us that <u>as we go (Exodus 13, Joshua 1, Matthew 10) He will go before us and be with us every step of the way.</u> And, HE IS!

The Great Commission given by our Lord to "... go and make disciples of all nations ..." (Matthew 28) is core to Audio Scripture Ministries (ASM)'s desire to help connect people to God's Word in their own heart language. ASM is going in partnership with you to make disciples of all nations, and we're seeking God and trusting in Him for each next step.



# Together, we are increasing PRAYER and PARTNERSHIPS to accelerate PROGRESS toward the Great Commission.

**ASM is investing** a significant part of the Holland, Michigan building sale proceeds into immediate ministry so that more resources will go to people who need to hear God's Word. Project investment includes Old Testament recordings in México, increased audio Bible distribution in México and Mozambique, and Bible Engagement training and resources for national leaders on the continent of Africa and in Asia.

ASM is growing—into new regions and new partnerships, including in South Asia, to record and distribute the Bible to two unreached people groups. In South East Asia, partners are going to provide hundreds of SD cards and audio speakers for church leaders to reach a majority people group.

How would God have you join? Please consider signing up for weekly prayer emails (link on next page), and sending a financial gift to to help

share God's Word. I can't wait to see what He has together for us next!



Naomi A. Frizzell Executive Director



P.S. With the exception of the mailing address, all of the ways that you can contact us have remained the same. Our new mailing address is: Audio Scripture Ministries, PO Box 1439, Holland, MI, 49422.

If you have any questions, please email me at naomi@audioscripture.org

#### PRAISE GOD FOR...





#### Prayer

- Hundreds of people praying for Gospel Partnerships and Gospel Progress using weekly and monthly prayer tools
- Weekly, monthly, and bi-annual globallyfocused prayer events



# **Partnerships**

- 10 growing national partnerships to share God's Word on the continent of Africa and throughout Asia
- 8 new audio Bible distribution partners from the U.S.



# **Gospel Progress**

- 12+ Old Testament and New Testament recordings completed this year
- 6,000+ audio Bibles distributed by hundreds of Gospel Partners
- 300+ pastors and Christian leaders equipped through 25+ global Bible Engagement trainings

Sign up to pray with us so that all may hear God's Word! www.audioscripture.org/pray



# THIRSTING FOR LIVING WATER



Access to water is so important that "springs of living water" is the very illustration Jesus used when He promised His Spirit to those who believe in Him (John 7:37-39). In June, ASM's New Harvest Farm team in Mozambique celebrated a successful well drilling, providing fresh water to the farm, thanks to your prayers and the generous support of donors.

Due to complications, it took two attempts drilling through rock and silt—until reaching sweet, clean water! As the water bubbled and then gushed up out of the ground, we praised

God for how this water will help the team offer more **Bible-based** agricultural training by providing safe water for crops and to serve this Mozambican community.

Thanks to your prayers and support, the **thirst for God's Word** is also being addressed. Chad Vanden Bosch, ASM's Africa Director and

our team in Mozambique celebrated a shipment of over 2,000 audio Bibles so our team and partners can respond to the great thirst for God. Thank you! Please pray for wisdom in distributing these valued devices wisely, and for many to believe as they listen, so the "rivers of living water will flow from within them" (John 7:39, NIV).



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#### REVERBERATING GOD'S WORD



Your prayers and support mean more people can **BE IN THE WORD**.

One vivid picture of the change you helped bring is the absolute joy of a beloved grandma (or "Mandong," in Nuer) such as Nyaduit (pictured, left) now able to listen to God's Word whenever she would like. When ASM Bible Engagement Director Tara Rye and a team brought audio Bibles to a Bible Engagement training event in Ethiopia, visiting Nyaduit was a highlight!

Not only did Nyaduit immediately begin listening to this treasured gift, but she would repeat back everything she heard from the audio Bible. As she committed God's Word to memory, it was as if she were having a conversation with the audio Bible!

Thank you for sharing God's Word with those who reverberate the Good News to others!

Your support of Tara and Bible Engagement is helping people BE TRANSFORMED as they learn to take the stories of the Bible and train others to share them—who in turn train others—via Bible Story-Centric Discipleship. As you pray, we're seeing pastors in Greater South Asia, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda, and North America apply this in their ministry. As these leaders connect more people to meditate on, internalize, and share the true, life-giving stories of the Bible, the Gospel

is going forward, and lives are being transformed!

Thank you for helping more people BE WITH JESUS, around the world, through the power of His Living Word being echoed boldly in new places, in more languages, and among more people still waiting to hear!





#### **BANANAS OF GRATITUDE**



Acknowledging every person's value in God's eyes is an important part of sharing the Gospel of Jesus. In addition to giving an audio Bible and medical care which often helps restore patient dignity, one of the most welcomed things the ASM Mozambique Compassionate Care (CC) Team does is take a photo of each patient and give it to them. Often this photo is the only visual remembrance the families have, a valued treasure especially if their loved one dies.

Many of these patients and families express their gratitude to God and to the team in unexpected ways. Recently the CC Team visited a new 8-year-old patient and his family. The family offered a sacrificial gift of bananas in gratitude—saying it was their way of thanking God for our team's care for their son. Thanksgiving to God sometimes looks like generous gifts of bananas, sugarcane, and cassava! (pictured, bottom-right)

We thank God for you and your prayers and support that make it possible to bring the Gospel of Jesus through palliative care visits like these in rural Mozambique. These families are hearing of God's generous love and life in Jesus because of your investment. Thank you.

The Spirit of the Lord is working powerfully through these practical expressions of love. But it isn't easy in difficult situations. A ministry of weekly, consistent "presence" allows our team to care for, sit with, listen to, mourn with, sing Scripture-based songs with, and pray with these individuals and families who are suffering. Our team truly relies on your prayers and the Lord's help for the strength to do this! Thank you for supporting them in prayer!

