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"I went to the hospital, physical therapy, and all the clinics I could get to," **Franque (pictured)** told the ASM Compassionate Care (CC) Team in Mozambique. But, he had **not gotten the help he needed**. Thanks to YOUR prayers and support, Franque was **delighted to receive** needed medications, blankets, and supplies through Dara Vanden Bosch, Compassionate Care Coordinator, and her CC Team. But **his face lit up when he saw the audio Bible**. "Now you have saved me!" he exclaimed.

Jesus' compassion for people is described in the Bible numerous times amidst 30+ recorded miracles in the Gospel books. **Your prayers and gifts** at work through the CC team **extend His loving compassion**.

When Dara clasped the blood pressure cuff on Franque's arm, his numbers were **dangerously high**. Yet, even with weakness and paralysis from a stroke, his **resilience** was evident through his smile. **Would you pray for him and his family?**

Even with serious physical needs, **Franque and his family were most excited about being able to HEAR God's Word!** During the visit, he set his device in the sunlight to charge so he could **keep listening as long as possible**. Just like the woman with internal bleeding (Mark 5) who tried every doctor imaginable, Franque knew **true wholeness and healing were only possible through Jesus Himself**.

God is using **you** to provide compassionate care and spiritual hope to patients like Franque. Yet, hundreds of Mozambican families nearby are still without access to God's Word. Would you give **\$40** to help **another family receive their own audio Bible?**

DO YOU KNOW HIM?



One month.

That's the time between when Aanshi's* husband came to faith in Jesus, and when he was brutally murdered. His "crime"? **Proclaiming Jesus boldly to everyone he knew.** Abhoy* had received forgiveness and hope through Jesus, leading him to joyfully ask each person, **"Do you know Him?"**

Tragically, Abhoy's life on earth was **cut short** by those angered by his faith in Jesus. *They thought by killing Abhoy and cutting out his tongue, they would silence his voice and that the name of Jesus would no longer be proclaimed. They were wrong.*

Instead of cowering in fear at the devastating loss of her husband, **Aanshi (pictured, above) continues boldly sharing Jesus** and leading several regional house churches. **"I gave up my life to the Lord, and wherever He will lead me, I will follow,"** she affirmed. *What a testimony!* Abhoy's martyrdom is now being heard around the world, **giving courage** to believers as they share the Gospel. **What these men meant for evil, God is using for good** (Genesis 50:20).

Last year, I had the privilege of **meeting Aanshi** before her husband came to Christ. She and five other people gathered in a remote village for **Bible story training with Dr. Tara Rye**, Audio Scripture Ministries (ASM) Director of Bible Engagement. As Tara and her husband Greg **taught them stories from the Bible**, Aanshi and the others got visibly excited as **they caught the vision for sharing God's Word through storytelling**. **"This is simple. I can do this!"** they exclaimed.

Aanshi and her friends have a printed Bible, but in their oral culture many can't read.** **Sharing God's Word through Bible Story-centric discipleship** opened a new door for these men and women, *and they are*

now requesting additional discipleship training and Bible resources in audio.

Would you pray for Aanshi and her fellow believers? Would you also consider a gift to help provide additional in-person training to encourage and equip these men and women who are boldly sharing Jesus in a culture hostile to the Gospel? Give securely online at www.audioscripture.org/give (indicating for "Bible Engagement"), or by using the enclosed response card. **Thank you for your generosity toward our brothers and sisters in this region.**



Would you also pray for the men who killed Abhoy—to be convicted of their sin and come to faith in Jesus? Abhoy is in heaven today joyfully praising his Lord and Savior. As we anticipate celebrating with him around the throne of God, let's **pray that many more will join us** because of Aanshi's and Abhoy's unwavering commitment to the Lord.

Aanshi and other the Christian believers we met are under constant threat, *yet they continue to ask those they meet, "Do you know Him?"* What a wonderful **opportunity** we've been given **to pray for them, train them, and serve them as they proclaim Jesus.** **Will you help?**

* Names changed for security reasons.

** 80% of the world's population are oral preference learners.

Their preferred learning method is through listening and re-telling.



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PRAISE GOD FOR VISION 2025 PROGRESS



Prayer

- ASM Team joining in weekly focused **prayer for church partners**
- Monthly in-person **prayer gatherings with volunteers**



Partnerships

- South Asia - **training and distribution** scheduled this summer to reach **two unreached peoples**
- USA - growing partnership to **distribute audio Bibles in Virginia prisons**
- Mexico - audio Bible **distribution trips** with church and ministry partners



Gospel Progress

- Mozambique - celebrating **25,000+ audio Bibles distributed** since 2009, reaching more than 100,000+ people!
- Kenya - **training prison chaplains** and pastors and distributing audio Bibles in prisons, with open doors to do more!
- South Asia - New Testament **recording completed** in the D* language

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PRISON WALLS ARE TALKING



"Our prison walls are now talking—about Jesus' love and His mission to reconcile us to Himself!" Pastor Luka reported, a Marsabit Prison Chaplain. He and others are seeing **God at work** after a recent **chaplain training program** made possible through **YOUR prayer and support**. God's Word is spreading throughout the **prisons in Kenya!** Inmates are hearing Scripture ring out through the halls of their prisons as a source of hope and truth in a difficult place.

ASM Partners **Pastor David Gargule** and **Helen Etyang** (Director of Tirrim Trust and Director of TheoVision Kenya, respectively) led this outreach and **resourced local chaplains with audio Bibles**. The prisoners are from oral communities where many **don't read**. The training program trained chaplains to tell the Gospel story and equip prisoners to retell the Bible stories—and provided a total of **150 Audio Bibles in Kiswahili and 8 other local languages**, distributed in **four area prisons**.

Jesus came to "proclaim **freedom for the prisoners**" (Luke 4:18, NIV). This is happening in Kenya as **prisoners hear the truth of His Word** in their mother tongue! Chaplain Luka reminds us, **"It is only God's Word that can reform a criminal, not the walls of a prison."**

Your gifts are sharing God's Word within the Kenyan justice system. Let's pray for those who are waiting to hear God's Word today.





20 PEOPLE SAVED



They couldn't wait to share their story! Katja and Jonathan told Tara Rye, ASM's Bible Engagement Director, "20 of the majority people group have come to Jesus from the solar audio Bibles, and five people have recommitted their lives to Christ!"

Katja and Jonathan's son, Gadisa (*Jonathan and Gadisa pictured*), is adopted from a remote East African village that speaks the Amharic language of Ethiopia.

Because of the resources YOU PROVIDED, Tara had given Gadisa three audio Bibles in Amharic. They later requested additional audio Bibles in other languages for other villages they visited last year.

In a recent email, Katja learned that many people had come to Jesus through hearing God's Word. **"These are not one-per-person Bibles,"** Katja explained, **"these are going to go to many people, to be shared widely."** Join us in praying that these new believers will continue to share with many others still waiting to hear so **more people will call upon the Lord and be saved.**

How can **you help** share God's Word today? Take action with the versatile tools and resources available to share the Bible and Bible stories in thousands of languages at www.audioscripture.org/share



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Thank you for **YOUR SUPPORT** of Jim and Jamie Loker, ASM Latin America Directors, and the whole ASM Mexico Team.

God is using your prayers and gifts to share His Word, **even in unusual ways.** Jesus said if His disciples would be quiet, even the stones would cry out proclaiming the Good News, but it's still always a **surprise** when an audio Bible accidentally turns on inside your bag. As the ASM team in Mexico recently

was driving to Playa Vicente, sure enough, the bumps in the road led to a **voice in Chinantec loudly declaring the Word of God** in the back of the car. As Jemima and Lupe pulled over their car and started going through their bags to find the noisy audio Bible, a nearby woman sipping her coffee overheard it. She recognized her own language and exclaimed, **"How beautiful... I understand it. I want to hear the Word of God!"**

What seemed like a **minor irritation** halting a trip instead **brought a God-ordained moment** for discipleship. The woman was a new believer who didn't even have a church home yet. Her **excitement was visible** as they handed her an audio Bible, **"Now I have a place to listen to the Word of God more!"**

God is using **YOUR** gifts to **bring His Word to the right person at the right time!**



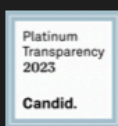
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