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## **MUDSLIDES AND ARMADILLOS**



Miracles, earthquakes, and Mexican mole are all part of **Jim and Jamie Loker's** (ASM's Latin America Directors) **30 years** of sharing God's Word in Mexico.

"Our greatest delight is **seeing the impact of the Scriptures** as people hear them in audio, put them into practice, and allow the Holy Spirit to transform their hearts, lives, marriages, families, and communities," the Lokers shared. **Their journey is the fruit of answered prayer.**

Before God was protecting them from mudslides and eating armadillo, **He guided their adventure** when, 40 years ago, Ohioan Jim met and married Texan Jamie. Becoming full-time missionaries in 1986, Jim and Jamie first worked in Guatemala and then **Oaxaca, Mexico**, raising and educating their seven children along the way. After serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators and Missionary Ventures, respectively, they joined Audio Scripture Ministries in 2012.

The "Que Todos Oigan" (*That All May Hear*) studio, founded by Jim, has produced over 90 complete **New Testament audio recordings** and portions of the Scriptures in **over 100 languages of Mexico**. The ASM Mexico Team also helps reach new people groups, establish radio stations, and distribute audio-dubbed Bible Films. Praise God for the 70+ short-term team trips the Lokers have hosted or assisted with.

God has used every prayer partner, financial partner, faithful recordist, and so many others in **this Great Adventure: to share His Word**. The adventure continues, so all will hear!



# TOGETHER ON GOD'S GREAT ADVENTURE



The sky in Michigan's Upper Peninsula flashed with the green brilliance of the Northern Lights, as shooting stars and satellites traced their own paths. I was too young to understand all I was seeing, but even now I **remember the awe**—that our family was wrapped up together in an **adventure** in the vastness of God's universe.

**Michigan's UP was where God first planted the seed that would lead me to serve His**

**global church.** He used our family's annual vacation to grow within me a sense of **adventure**, and a love for different cultures and people. Eagerly, my brother, sister, and I would purchase the annual **"Know Your Ships"** book (*before the Internet!*), learning statistics about ships traversing the Soo Locks and St. Mary's River. The languages spoken by the ocean-going sailors, the "exotic" lunch **smells** coming from each ship's galley, and the colorful **flags** waving proudly from ship sterns, opened up a **wide new world** for this mid-Michigan youngster.

**I couldn't have imagined then how God would use ships and smells to send me on the Great Adventure serving Him...but He did!** Sharing God's Word in heart languages I may never speak. Learning lessons of faith and generosity from Christian leaders around the world. Being moved to tears by the daily sacrifice of our Christian brothers and sisters, persecuted because of their commitment to sharing the Gospel.

**You, too, are part of God's Great Adventure.** Your prayers and financial support of Audio Scripture Ministries (ASM) have already provided **6,940 audio Bibles** this year,



supported **33 Bible Engagement Trainings** with leaders in **7 countries**, and allowed our team to invest in the lives of dozens of Christian leaders from Pakistan to Myanmar, from Mexico to Mozambique ... and more.

**Adventure looks very different for everyone, but if you've asked Jesus into your life, you are on a Great Adventure.** God's Word is clear that life is a journey (Genesis 12, Jeremiah 29, Proverbs 16, Matthew 6 and more) and that **this journey isn't for the faint of heart.** Just read the Apostle Paul's harrowing adventures in 2 Corinthians 11!

**God promises to be with us on this Great Adventure.** And, God's Word provides the **road map** for that adventure, reminding us that trust and obedience are essential to our journey because, **"... He will make your paths straight"** (Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV).

**Thank you for everything you're doing to help share God's Word** so that many more people around the world **begin this Great Adventure with God,** and **daily follow the life road map of Scripture.** **We can't do it without you!**

Michigan's Soo Locks are still one of my favorite places on earth. Maybe because of good family memories, or the feeling of where my Adventure began. Most likely, because I know **this Adventure of following Jesus has only just begun** and that God is leading us to places beyond our wildest dreams in serving Him.



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## MY FAMILY DISOWNED ME



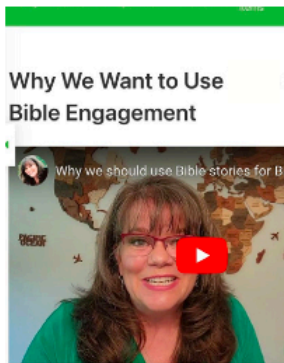
Picking up a Bible, using an audio Bible, or listening to a Bible app may not feel risky. Yet, that same **access to God's Word** can be **dangerous** for Christian brothers and sisters around the world.

For B\*, a young South Asian leader, that's his reality. "My parents made me sign a document, **officially disowning me**," B\* quietly shared. **Because he and his wife follow Jesus**, his parents said they'll never talk to him again. ASM Bible Engagement

Director **Dr. Tara Rye** hosts **regular, online training sessions** where Bible Storytellers like B\* can **learn and pray with each other**. As he shared his story, several other leaders began immediately praying for him and his wife. B\* **bravely continues** to do Bible Engagement in the region. His wife serves as a Bible Translator. Despite the pressure to turn back, this couple is **fully committed** to following Jesus and sharing the Gospel.

When **you pray and give** to ASM Bible Engagement, **you encourage and train brave men and women like B\* and K\***, bringing God's Word to others who can't yet hear it. Praise God for **what He is doing through Tara**, and for the **Story-Centric Discipleship course just launched**, providing Tara's training on ASM's website ([www.audioscripture.org/courses](http://www.audioscripture.org/courses)). This training is already being used by leaders around the world.

Pray for **God to empower B\* and K\*** and other leaders as they diligently apply this training. Ask Him to **use this course** to equip many more leaders to boldly share His Word.



## 200 PATIENTS, 10 YEARS



God has used your prayers and support of **Dara Vanden Bosch**, ASM Compassionate Care (CC) Coordinator and her team, to **extend Christ's love to 200 patients** in rural Mozambique over the past decade. **As Dara says, "It's been an adventure!"**

"We were a naïve and passionate duo when Rabeca and I began," Dara comments. Rabeca, a young Mozambican, was already visiting many suffering people in her village.

They saw **much end-of-life suffering**, and people without any comfort for chronic symptoms and began asking how they could help. **God gave ideas** and paved the way for **Mvura Ya Openhu ("Living Water" in ChiTewe) Palliative Care—to minister to those without access to family support or hospital care**. Soon Mariana joined, and later they added "another" Rabeca, and Dorca, for a strong team.

Today people stop them on the road, requesting they visit loved ones. Though some patients have passed away, many others **have been restored to health**, as God used this team.

The CC Program provides basic medication, supplies, and interventions such as hygiene products, blankets, nutritional supplements, art projects, songs, dances, and, yes, lollipops. However, it's clear that providing dignity, loyalty, **consistent tender care, and audio Bibles are the interventions that make the biggest difference**. Helping each patient feel seen and known—the longing of every human heart. **Your prayers and support are making a huge difference in the lives of people in Central Mozambique!**



Watch a celebration of these patients' lives, and read a memorial for beloved patient, Roda: [www.audioscripture.org/compassion](http://www.audioscripture.org/compassion)





## THE THRILL OF SHARING



What adventure is God calling YOU into?  
Could it be the thrill of sharing His Word by:

- **Praying** for opportunities to share audio Bibles.
- **Sharing** a Bible app with someone, in their language.
- **Giving** to fund an audio Bible.
- **Delivering** an audio Bible.

Jim and Jenna experienced this thrill with Jennifer, a local grocery store cashier. Jennifer's husband, Josué, was on dialysis and needed a Bible. Upon receiving two ASM audio Bibles **through YOUR prayers and support**, Jenna thought, "I know exactly who this is meant for!"

Returning to the store, Jenna placed the audio Bible in Jennifer's hands. Jennifer exclaimed that this was better than a paper Bible since her husband **struggled to read well**.

At home, Jenna's son frequently used her phone to listen to God's Word. Jenna gave him the second audio Bible, amazed that **the 7-year-old** navigated it effortlessly. **Now, he listens to God's Word nonstop!**

These are *your* stories. Who else in your home or community needs an audio Bible? What door is God opening for you to share the Greatest Story? With lower-cost audio devices, cell phone apps, and other tools, you can experience the **thrill of sharing God's Word!** Learn more at [www.audioscripture.org/share](http://www.audioscripture.org/share).

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## PROGRESS AND PRAYER



### Praise God for

- **Growing partnerships** to share God's Word in Asia and South Asia.
- God's Word being shared in a new, **difficult-to-access** country.
- Partnership to share **audio Bibles** and do **Bible training** with Christian leaders and military contacts in West Africa.
- **God's light shining in Kenya** through a partnership installing two church solar ministry toolkits (Sonset Solutions).
- **Story-Centric Discipleship Training** successfully launched on [www.audioscripture.org/courses](http://www.audioscripture.org/courses).

### Pray for

- Gospel Partners facing **increased scrutiny and persecution**.
- **Continued momentum** toward the goal of distributing 24,000 audio Bibles in 2024.
- Leadership and Bible Engagement **training requests** from new areas.
- Overcoming challenges with:
  - **Cicadas** interrupting audio Bible recordings!
  - Scripture **content-use permissions**.

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