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OUR GOD**

**OUR GREAT
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HIS GREAT WORK



Our Great God is at work, every step along the way. From when He prompted **you** to pray or send your financial support to ASM, **to the arrival of God's Word in audio** in the hands of those who will hear ... **the story of His work has just begun!** In one least-reached region of Greater South Asia, a Christmas-time outreach with 2,000 audio Bibles is bearing great fruit. A*, an ASM Gospel Partner, reports **more than 150 men, women, and children have already responded to the Gospel of Jesus**, confessing their sins and accepting Jesus as Lord!

Now this vegetable seller (pictured, above) in Greater South Asia can hear God speak through an audio Bible in his own heart language. His story of hearing, understanding, and obeying God's Word is just beginning.

The **1,999 other audio Bibles you helped send** to this region are blessing "farmers, shopkeepers, mechanics, shepherds"—men, women, and children. 23 local church groups are distributing God's Word in audio, and the Gospel is **reaching people in 13 different languages** of this region!

"No one ever told us about Jesus [before]," one man said, "but I feel that Jesus is our true master. **Please tell us more about him.**" Praise God for many open hearts!

Pray for additional laborers in this region, and protection for those who daily face persecution for their faith. The next outreach planned is to the unreached P* language speakers. **Pray for open doors!**



NO ONE LIKE OUR GOD



If I was given the opportunity to obtain a “sci-fi superpower” it would be a master command of languages. No “leaping tall buildings in a single bound” for me. I’d rather have the **ability to communicate** with anyone instantly, in their language.

Sharing about **Our Great God** (ታላቁ አምላካችን, **Gran Bondye nou an, Mungu wetu mkuu,**

خودایمزن ئۇلۇغ) would flow off my tongue in Amharic, Haitian Creole, Swahili, Uyghur, and many others. Can you imagine?

Audio Scripture Ministries (ASM) believes everyone has the right—and the need—to hear God’s Word in their own heart language. Heart language is often defined as the language your mother sang to you in as a child, or the language in which you dream. The sweet language that feels like home.

I was in South Asia recently and met a man who could speak and understand 5 languages: English, the regional trade language, 2 local dialects, and his heart language. Yet when this man **listened to an audio Bible in his heart language** that your prayers and financial support provided, his face burst alive with joy at hearing God speak his language. Instead of struggling to understand, now he could **listen with his heart**. Praise the Lord!

The prophet Jeremiah proclaimed, “Lord, there is **No One like you!** For **You are great,** and **Your Name is full of power**” (Jeremiah 10:6, NLT, *emphasis mine*). In a time when many have turned away from God’s truth and followed other religions and idols, **thank you** for joining us in boldly proclaiming that



there is **No One Like Our Great God!** Your commitment to God’s Word has helped share that truth with thousands of people around the world.

“**God speaks my language!**” is a phrase we hear repeatedly when people listen to an audio Bible in their heart language. **Understanding** of God’s Word soars as familiar words reveal Scriptural truths that had remained “hidden” to them when listening in another language. Would you **pray** that many more of the **2 billion people waiting to hear God’s Word** would soon know the **power of the name of the Lord?**

You can help reach them.

As you prepare to travel this summer, or as your church plans missions trips, **consider taking a few audio Bibles in local languages** to share. Whether in English, Spanish, or one of the 6,000+ languages available with recorded Bible and Bible Engagement resources, an audio Bible is a great tool to have on-hand to share Jesus. You might be surprised at how **God will open doors for you to share His Word.**

I will never have the superpower to speak all languages (*though I’m learning some*). But God does! Sharing the Bible in every heart language highlights **how God loves all people, and helps move people from just listening—to trusting and obeying.** Learn more about sharing Our Great God through audio Bibles: partner@audioscripture.org.

Because there is No One Like Our Great God!



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OUR GREAT MULTIPLIER



Jesus multiplied five loaves and two fish to feed 5,000. Today Jim and Jamie Loker, ASM's Latin America Directors, are seeing **God multiply the impact** of each Scripture recording that your prayers and support made possible in Mexico—to feed more people with His Word!

God is opening the doors to use **many formats**, including Bible apps, downloads, audio Bibles, community radio stations, and Bible films, to expand the reach of **these**

Bible recordings in local heart languages. Praise the Lord!

In 2023 alone, Bible translations in **158** indigenous languages and **dialects of Mexico** were accessed on **73,208 phones and devices**. Almost half of these were **new devices**, as people listened and shared God's Word with others *thousands of times*.

Praise God for **Gospel Partners** like SIL who offer dedicated **Scripture Apps** in each of those languages and more so people can FIND God's Word on their own cell phone devices. Praise God they can SEE the Bible come to life on **Lumo Bible Films** dubbed with **ASM-recorded books of the Bible** in local languages, provided through partner, Faith Comes by Hearing.

Many Bible recordings are still needed, and several are in process at the "Que Todos Oigan" ("So All Will Hear") ASM studio in Mexico. God is using your prayers and financial support to help each recording feed **those hungry to hear His Word**. Let's pray for people of all language groups to turn to Jesus for salvation.



OUR GREAT GARDENER



Jesus said, "[M]y Father is the Gardener" (John 15:1, NIV). Chad Vanden Bosch (*pictured*), ASM Africa Director, and his team are praising God for all He has taught them, as New Harvest Farm (NHF) **celebrates five years of ministry!** Many initial ideas for the farm were tested and discarded, Chad says, but **God has led them in finding agricultural techniques that work with**

the climate and resources available in rural Mozambique. "We're finally seeing good results, things we can bring into the local context ... to have a great impact here."

The NHF team uses **agroforestry systems** to naturally provide nutrients, shade, and moisture retention. Chad reflected that "[these] techniques can **provide the abundance people need**"—to not only survive, but thrive!

Visit audioscripture.org/stories to read Alberto's testimony of **how this Bible-based training changed his life!**

After five years, the tree root systems have prevented the erosion commonly faced in the region, and 2023's cassava and pineapple harvests were **more abundant** than expected. With each growing season, the **neat rows of trees between plants** will provide much needed wood, mulch, and fruit.

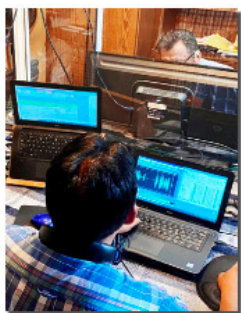
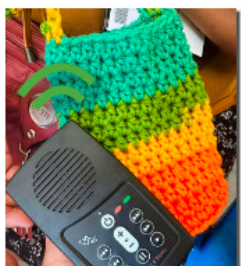
Looking toward the next five years, Chad has one request: **"Pray for wisdom."** The NHF team is expanding the **"Growing with God" training program** by setting up test plots in surrounding communities, pointing back to God the Creator with every farming technique introduced. As the Lord uses NHF as a beacon of hope, **pray that people will turn to Jesus for abundant life.**

PROGRESS AND PRAYER



Praise God for

- 800 audio Bibles enroute to northern Mozambique
- 1,000 SD cards with audio Scripture distributed in a country experiencing civil war
- Volunteers hand-crafting bags to hold audio Bibles
- Open doors for a Gospel Partner to use 300 SD cards and solar speakers to serve refugees and train church leaders in Sub-Saharan Africa
- God's work in the hearts of prisoners listening to God's Word in Alaska, Kenya, and other places



Pray for

- Short-term mission trips distributing in Mexico, West Africa, South Asia, and other places
- Timely completion of Bible recordings in progress
- Overcoming obstacles to sharing the Gospel in Creative Access Countries

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OUR GREAT SHEPHERD



Jesus is our **Good Shepherd**. This concept is all the more meaningful for people who **spend their life caring for their own herd**. Last year, **ASM Partners in Kenya** asked Tara Rye, ASM Bible Engagement Director, to develop **discipleship training with the Bible's "shepherd stories."** As Tara prayed and researched these stories—from David to Jesus—our **God had an even bigger plan**. Today, our Great God has used this training **to bless many other groups**, from Greater South Asia to Ethiopia.

"If I put myself in this story **it becomes very practical**," Pastor Simon shared, in Ethiopia. "**It changes me**," he added, "then others will follow my example like they follow the Good Shepherd." Pastor Simon and his leaders were trained by "Dr. Tara" in **active learning sessions**, where each **participant practices** the Bible story repeatedly.

These leaders discussed **everyone's responsibility "to go find the lost sheep"** (Luke 15:4)—those who need to hear the Good Shepherd's voice. Tara ended the training with a **challenge**: "Let there be no person in your area who does not know the story of the Good Shepherd!" **These newly-equipped storytellers are excited** to go far and wide to tell about Jesus. **Pray for each leader** being sent out!

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