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“I am 68, and I have never heard these things,” shared Kenyan Pastor Rafael. His excitement was contagious after being trained by ASM Bible Engagement Director Dr. Tara Rye and local Gospel Partners.

Over 110 Kenyan pastors and leaders were equipped in sharing the “Six Acts of the Bible” which demonstrates how the Bible from Genesis to Revelation is fulfilled in the Gospel. “It is amazing that we can now tell the whole Bible story so simply. It [encompasses] the Gospel,” marveled Pastor Daniel.

Driving over 650 miles round-trip, Tara, along with local partners David and Helen served seven different nomadic tribes in three locations, planting seeds of God’s Word in the hearts of those who will nurture a bountiful Gospel harvest. The response was immediate.

“What you have done in a very short period of time will be with us... even to the next generation,” declared Chief Stephen, adding, “This will bring revival to the Rendille.” The seeds of multiplication took root. One leader called later, saying, “I want to be one of your trainers.”

Your support of ASM Bible Engagement is equipping pastors and Christian leaders with the tools they need to share God’s Word more widely and train other leaders in God’s Word.



Visit audioscripture.org/1000 to see how 1000+ others were equipped in hygiene training through ASM Gospel Partner, Pads4Pupils!

FINDING AND REJOICING



"Koow, lamma, seyyah, affar ..." Ebele*, a Rendille woman from Northern Kenya, counted quietly, identifying each goat's familiar markings and personality. "One, two, three, four ..." **not one escaped notice.** Ebele's goats are precious, a source of milk and meat to feed her family.

Ebele (pictured, left) stopped counting. One of her goats was missing! She counted again. **Where could he be?***

The Rendille are one of seven nomadic tribes in Northern Kenya, totalling over **2.5 million people**. Severe drought, massive flooding, tribal violence, and political and economic uncertainty place **great pressure** on these groups. Yet—not one escapes **God's notice**.

The **Rendille, Borana, Daasanach, Gabra, Pokot, Samburu, and Turkana** people—are **all loved by God**. The young goat herder in the bush. The elderly woman slowly drawing water, bucket by bucket from the deep bore-hole ... **God sees and loves** each one with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3).

In July, your prayers and financial support **shared God's Word in audio in many locations**. Praise God for the opportunity to provide **Bible Engagement Training for over 100 pastors in Kenya** with Dr. Tara Rye (ASM Bible Engagement Director) and partners **Pastor David Gargule** (Tirrim Trust) and **Helen Etyang** (Theovision Kenya). In addition, **more than 1,000 girls and young women received Biblically-based Feminine Hygiene Training** by Pads4Pupils partners **Danna Swartz** and **Emily Pederson**. **Thank you** for your generosity in helping share God's love!

Before the team arrived, I met with Pastor David and Helen (pictured, right) to pray and plan together, **seeking God's guidance** and the Holy Spirit's wisdom for expanded Gospel partnership. We believe **healthy ministry**

partnerships are essential, giving us greater opportunity to **serve together in unity** with Christian brothers and sisters (John 17) **for the sake of the Gospel**.

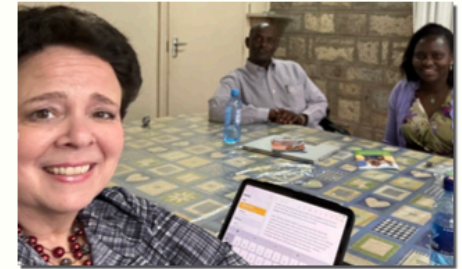
Eight ministry area projects including new *audio Bible recordings*, *expanded audio Bible distribution*, *Bible Engagement training*, *serving prison chaplains and those incarcerated*, *microenterprise opportunities*, and **much more** were identified as **ways to share the Gospel** among each of these seven people groups "on the move." **Would you pray for discernment, open doors, and funding needed to move these projects forward, to God's glory?**

Jesus told the Parable of the Wandering Sheep (Matt.18, Luke 15), reminding His disciples and religious leaders that **every person is precious in His sight, and no one escapes the notice of the Good Shepherd.** Jesus said there is **rejoicing** when a lost sheep is found, "more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." (Luke 15:7, NIV)

Let's pray God uses these Gospel partnerships so that rejoicing increases, as more people hear God's Word and turn to Jesus, the Good Shepherd! **Much has been accomplished, but many more need to know God sees them, knows their needs, and in Jesus Christ there is hope.** **Will you help?**

*Name changed for security.

** And yes, she found her lost goat!



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VISION FOR THE HARVEST



“Working alongside Chad and Dara in Mozambique was an incredible gift that my daughter, Harper, and I are still unwrapping,” says Michigan-based artist Joel Schoon-Tanis. Joel and Harper (pictured, bottom-right with Dara) spent two weeks with Chad and Dara Vanden Bosch (Integral Mission Innovation Director and Compassionate Care Coordinator, respectively) and their teams creating a collaborative art mural.

Giving glory to God, the mural begins by acknowledging a broken history. It then paints a hopeful vision for all God is doing to give life to the region, with restorative, Integral Mission efforts like New Harvest Farm and Compassionate Care, and ultimately, through people experiencing a restored relationship with their Creator.

Would you pray that the hundreds of people who pass the mural every day will be drawn to God and hope through Jesus Christ?

Read more about Joel’s Mozambique experience and how this mural reflects Isaiah 11. www.audioscripture.org/mural



A BOUNTIFUL INCREASE



God is using your prayers and financial support in Latin America! Jim and Jamie Loker, ASM Latin America Directors, report that **God’s Word is spreading** throughout Mexico’s 250+ languages.

Just as farmers tend their fields but depend on God to provide sun and rain for seeds to flourish, the Lokers see **God growing Gospel seed in unexpected ways**. “Every year we pray about **Bible translations** that may or may not be ready for recording,” says Jamie.

Challenges like identifying native speakers able to read their language, scheduling **conflicts** with recording technicians, and even natural **obstacles**—from cicadas to mudslides—can impede recording progress.

Despite these barriers, God always provides a way for His work to continue! Recently, the Mexico Team saw a **bountiful increase** in completed Old Testament translations awaiting recording. This is a long-awaited **answer to prayer**. Praise the Lord also for the increasing number of indigenous translators taking initiative to **revise and translate additional books** of the Bible, opening doors for more **audio Bible recordings**.

Your generous provision of audio Bibles means God’s Word is **being sown broadly**. “In the past we were **forced to be very selective**,” they reflected, “but **now** through your generosity our team can **more freely distribute** audio Bibles to friends and neighbors of those who received the initial audio Bible devices, helping **multiply the impact** of God’s Word throughout **entire communities**.”

That’s the **fruit of your investment**—because of you, God’s Word is resounding through more Mexican villages to produce a Gospel harvest, growing God’s Kingdom **one transformed life at a time**.



REAPING 20 YEARS LATER



He was a sheep herder in Peru. Salvador (not pictured) had heard about Jesus, accepted the Gospel, and was baptized in the river. "One day we came back to visit him, and heard him **singing joyfully**, 'Alabaré, alabaré'—filling the whole valley with praise," Dale, an ASM Gospel Partner shared. "But **Salvador couldn't read, and hardly knew anything about Jesus**. So back then, we had **cassette tapes of the Bible in his language** and gave him those." Later, Dale and his wife, Naomi, also brought him a digital audio Bible.

Recently two of Salvador's adult sons came to visit Dale and Naomi in Colorado. "They told us: **'You gave our father an audio Bible. He brought it home, and it has changed our whole family.'**" That was **20+ years ago!**

"It's **so wonderful** to see someone's face light up when they hear God's Word," Dale adds. "Especially if they can't read. We've been doing this for forty years." These Gospel Partners minister all over the world, and are **eager to plant more seeds**. "We're only 84 now," he notes with a grin. They have seen abundant fruit from sowing God's Word. **How is God leading you, like Dale and Naomi, to invest in His Great Harvest?**



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PROGRESS AND PRAYER



Praise God for

- Donors providing support for **South Sudanese orphans** to receive God's Word (and shoes, food, etc)
- 6 Projects being developed for 7 **Kenyan nomadic people groups** who need God's Word
- Gospel harvest happening among **South Asia brick kiln workers** responding to God's Word
- Generous foundation partners **increasing Gospel momentum** in several regions

Pray for

- **Rest** for ASM Team Members on furlough, traveling, or needing healing
- **Safety** for ministry partners experiencing unrest—postponing recording, distribution, and Bible Engagement training
- **Audio Bible delivery methods** being tested with new and existing partners in eight global locations
- Multiple **Bible recordings in process**, and others still needed
- **Funding for new partnership projects**, so that all may hear the Gospel

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