“Yes, Jesus Loves Me!”

Stewardship 2021
“In the same way let your light shine in front of people. Then they will see the good that you do and praise your Father in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:16
Dear Friends,

"Use your gift well."

That’s how the Bible defines stewardship in 1 Peter 4:10. Simple yet challenging! As you might guess from the title of this report, stewardship is a responsibility we take very seriously here at American Bible Society, especially with 223,000 faithful Christ followers like you helping us invest an incredible $110 million in Bible ministry during our 2021 fiscal year.

We praise the Lord for your outpouring of generosity! Your sacrificial gifts of love would have amazed us in a normal year, let alone amid the uncertainty of a global pandemic. Thank you for trusting us as your partners in gospel ministry.

And look what God did with the gifts you gave! Through Bible translation and provision, unreached people groups have now been reached with the good news of God’s love and salvation. Through Bible-based trauma healing, people in crisis encountered a God who is near to the brokenhearted. Through our Armed Services Ministry and Faith and Liberty Initiative, our nation has been called to walk according to the lamp of God’s Word once more.

As you read through the big numbers in this report—nearly two hundred Bible translation projects funded, thousands of trauma healing groups conducted, millions of Bibles provided, and over a billion people reached with the gospel—you’ll also come face-to-face with the first-person testimonies of individual lives changed, all made possible through your passionate prayers and generous giving. Because of your gifts of love and through the work of the Holy Spirit, people from all around the world can now declare:

“

Yes, Jesus loves me—the Bible tells me so!

”

So thank you, dear friend, for being such a faithful steward of one of the most wonderful gifts that God has entrusted to you: the precious gift of his holy Word. Let us celebrate together as we look back on this year, for God has done great things!

Yours in Christ,

Robert L. Briggs
President and CEO
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2021: God Was Faithful!

The Lord led us through many ministry milestones this year thanks to YOUR prayers and support. We look back and give him praise and glory for his faithfulness.

African Women Devotional Bible Completed
Completed on March 8, more than 280 women from 26 countries contributed to this culturally relevant study Bible for African women.

Trauma Healing Research Study Released
A Baylor University research study released on March 30 confirmed the healing power of Bible-based trauma healing for jail inmates in the U.S.

Massive Support Raised for Bible Translation
From April 7-10, ministry and financial partners raised $84 million for Bible translation at the 2021 illumiNations gathering.

New State of the Bible Survey Unveiled
Launched in May, our 2021 survey revealed that 95 million Americans are curious about “test driving” the Bible for the first time.

Faith and Liberty Discovery Center Opened
After a grand opening on July 3, this Philadelphia attraction is now championing the Bible’s influence in America.

Remote People Reached with the JESUS Film
In August, our End-to-End ministry partners announced that 12 million people experienced the JESUS Film last year.

One Million Bibles Shipped to African Nations
On October 5, financial and ministry partners gathered to commission one million Bibles in seven different languages for 29 African countries.

Warfighter Study Bible Published for the Military
Published in November, this new flagship resource will help troops, veterans, and military families dig deeper into the rich soil of God’s Word.

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God’s Word for the Unreached

With more than a billion still waiting, YOU are helping unreached people read, understand, and apply their very first Bibles.

YOUR IMPACT THIS YEAR

181
Bible Translations Funded

1.8B
People Given Greater Scripture Access in their Language

2.1M
People Received Their Own Bible

318
New Languages Given Digital Scripture Access

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Name: Timothy
Country: Vietnam
Background: Translator for the Tai Don New Testament

“God’s Word for the Unreached”

At the moment, our congregation as well as many other ethnic groups are using Vietnamese to worship. But we are looking forward to the day when we will use our own language of Tai Don to pray, sing, and read Bible passages aloud in church. This will surely help eliminate the barriers in the mind of those who have not yet believed and encourage them to learn more about the faith.

When the translation is completed, our community can listen to God’s Word in Tai Don, and they will have the feeling that Jesus is speaking in their heart language.”

“The Bible will no longer be a foreign book, but our book!”
God’s Word for People in Crisis

Trauma isolates us from God and others. **YOU** are helping people in crisis experience God’s healing love through the Bible.

In Their Own Words

**Name:** Pierre  
**Country:** Burundi  
**Background:** Recipient of the Kirundi Bible

“I had a grudge against my neighbors who had taken all of my property by force under the pretext that I am an orphan with neither parents nor siblings to defend me. To be honest, I couldn’t get rid of that grudge. I hated them too much.

But after I was given a Bible and began reading the Word of God, something started changing in me. The Word transformed me. I felt more love within me. I decided to forgive my neighbors. They recognized that they were wrong, and they humbly asked for forgiveness.

I thank God for the reconciliation which transformed my life through the Word of God.”

“*The Word transformed me. I felt more love within me. I decided to forgive my neighbors.*”
## God’s Word for American Heroes

We’re on a mission with **YOU** to help brave Military heroes and their families discover the strength that comes from God alone.

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS

**Name:** Mrs. Williams  
**Country:** United States  
**Background:** Army and Hero Squad Mom

I can’t thank you enough, American Bible Society, and all who have made the wonderful Hero Squad gift box program happen! Bible verses from these devotions are really having an impact on my 11-year-old. He created and led a worship service for our backyard Vacation Bible School, he’s stopped and prayed with random people, and he’s more interested in understanding God’s Word than ever before.

My younger children are also growing. They still argue like crazy, but I’ve noticed kinder words being used and more grace being shown. Most importantly I’ve seen and heard them reminding each other of the Scriptures. Wow! No other devotion has done this! Our youngest just turned three and received her Hero Squad box this past week. She’s been carrying the Bible everywhere. It’s so wonderful to be able to sit down as a family to read the Scriptures and do activities that truly help our kids become better, godlier people.

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### YOUR IMPACT THIS YEAR

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God’s Love to the Ends of the Earth

Our alliance of Bible Societies in 240 countries is one of the world’s largest global networks. **YOU** are a critical member of this fellowship!

**YOUR IMPACT THIS YEAR**

- **191M** Scriptures Distributed by United Bible Societies in 2020
- **1M** Bibles for Africa Project Launched in 2021
- **$4M** Emergency COVID-19 Support Raised Globally
- **37** Struggling Bible Societies Sustained

**IN THEIR OWN WORDS**

Name: Anatoly Kirillov  
**Country:** Moldova  
**Background:** Bible Society General Secretary and Recipient of Emergency Funding

"During these difficult times, when the whole world is in crisis, your financial support is like ventilation equipment. Just as people who fall seriously ill with COVID-19 need ventilators to help them breathe and recover to return to their normal lives, this financial support will help us to keep going and return to our activity as soon as possible.

For us, receiving the funding literally means surviving. The consequences of not receiving funding from the Solidarity Fund could have had disastrous effects not only for the Moldovan Bible Society, but for the Moldovan community. They would not have had access to the Bible—the living Word of God.

To us, you are our heroes, and we thank you for helping us meet the challenges of this moment, so we can continue to provide Bibles for our community."

“You are our heroes, and we thank you for helping us meet the challenges of this moment.”
Thanking God for Our Faithful Partners

With so many worthy causes in this broken world, thank YOU for choosing to share the good news of God’s love where it is needed most.

In Their Own Words

Name: Sarah Ward
Country: United States
Background: American Bible Society Financial Partner

“The strongest way for people to follow Jesus is to be able to read the Bible for themselves. Through all these years and all these attacks against the Bible, God has preserved it. Now it’s our opportunity to get it to everyone.

Stewardship is a very important part of our Christian life, and it’s not just with money. We all have things we can improve. We are all to be stewards. Adam and Eve were given that job, and they goofed it up—and we’re goofing it up even more! Being a bystander and simply reading about what’s happening is not what God wants for us. The Christian life is lived in action words, and one of those action words is to give.

What better organization can we give to than one that is going to get God’s Word into people’s hands?”

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Financial Report
2021 JULY 1, 2020–JUNE 30, 2021

YOUR GENEROSITY (MINISTRY RESOURCES)
Direct contributions 46.1 M
Funds deployed from long-term investments 54.1 M
Planned gifts 5.1 M
Scripture sales 3.9 M
Other 2.1 M
Total 111.3 M

OUR COLLECTIVE IMPACT (MINISTRY INVESTMENTS)
Bible Ministry 87.7 M
Bible Translation 20.4 M
First Bible Provision 26.8 M
Armed Services Ministry 7.4 M
Bible-based Trauma Healing 10.0 M
Faith and Liberty Initiative (Construction and Programming) 22.0 M
Additional Ministry 1.1 M
Development 13.6 M
Administration 9.2 M
Total 110.5 M

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

GOD PROVIDED
$111.3M

WE INVESTED
$110.5M

These figures have not yet been externally audited. Our audited financials are made available at the beginning of each calendar year at abs.us/stewardship
Our Leadership

**SENIOR EXECUTIVE TEAM**

- Robert L. Briggs, President and CEO
- Ovidio Alfaro, Senior Vice President of Administration and Operations
- John Clause, Senior Vice President of Ministry Advancement
- Nicole Martin, Senior Vice President of Ministry Impact

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**OUR MISSION WITH YOU:**

MAKING THE BIBLE AVAILABLE TO EVERY PERSON IN A LANGUAGE AND FORMAT EACH CAN UNDERSTAND AND AFFORD, SO ALL PEOPLE MAY EXPERIENCE ITS LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGE.

Romania
For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

HABAKKUK 2:14