You Shared the Hope of God's Word

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY
STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2020
Dear Friend,

This year, we reflect on what we’ve lost. Businesses shuttered. Churches scattered. Friends and family fell ill to COVID-19. Through these difficulties, however, we fix our eyes on Christ and draw strength from His promises. Jesus says, “The world will make you suffer. But be brave! I have defeated the world!” (John 16:33b GNT).

With this promise, even as we grieve, we also celebrate all the good God has done this year and all He continues to do through your prayers and generosity.

Bible translation has made the Scriptures available to more than 5.7 billion people worldwide. First Bibles are reaching communities that waited decades to read God’s Word. Our Armed Services Ministry is deploying millions of Bibles to the brave men and women serving our nation and to Military families sacrificing for our freedoms. Bible-based Trauma Healing groups are guiding people through their pain with the restorative power of the Gospel. The Faith and Liberty Initiative is helping Americans seeking answers in troubled times to find truth in God’s Word.

The stories contained in these pages are a testament to the source of our hope: Christ has overcome the world! Together, you and I can continue bringing that promise to people who live without it.

Thank you,

Robert L. Briggs
President and CEO
American Bible Society
Thank You from New Bible Recipients

45 Bible Translations
Translation projects got closer to the finish line, thanks to American Bible Society partners.

First Sign Language Bible
The complete American Sign Language Version of the Bible was released in November 2020.

700 Languages
As of July 2020, the full Bible is available in the heart languages of 5.7 billion people.

“Not having the New Testament meant not having Jesus in my life,” says 18-year-old Samuel Oviedo Mora, who turned from drugs to God after learning about Jesus through the Bible.

Global Population

Global Languages

HAVE SCRIPTURE ACCESS
NEED SCRIPTURE ACCESS
There are 7 billion people alive today. As of this year, 5 billion people have access to Scripture in their heart language. We’re almost there! But here’s the challenge: those last 2 billion people speak 3,800 unique languages!

The Bible Society of Ghana is providing Christians in need with their own copies of Scripture, spreading God’s Word and joyful smiles across the country. PHOTO BY: Andrea Rhodes, United Bible Societies
Thank You from New Believers

1 Million Bibles for Latin America
Thanks to generous financial partners, 1 million Latin Americans received Bibles in 2020.

315 Million Scriptures Where Needed Most
Bible Societies from around the world partnered together to bring God’s Word to the nations.

Scripture Goes Digital in 128 New Languages
This year, we made 128 new translations of the Bible available through mobile apps, which allows millions of Bibleless people to download and read God’s Word.

1,238 PEOPLE GROUPS
NOW HAVE DIGITAL ACCESS TO SCRIPTURE IN THEIR HEART LANGUAGE THROUGH THE GLOBAL.BIBLE ONLINE PLATFORM.
ARMED SERVICES MINISTRY

Thank You from U.S. Military Families and Veterans

1 Million Bibles
This year we put more than 1 million Bibles into the hands and hearts of U.S. Military, Veterans, and their families.

2,000 Chaplains
Chaplains are trusted spiritual guides for our Military and Vets. They serve on the frontlines of the spiritual battles our men and women in uniform must face. This year, our network of chaplains grew to more than 2,000 dedicated partners.

500 Church Leaders
Alongside chaplains, we depend on the church to minister to our Military brothers and sisters. In 2020, more than 500 church leaders partnered with us to share Bible resources with Military families.

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– NATHAN, UNITED STATES NATIONAL GUARD

American Bible Society provides Service members, Veterans, and their families with meaningful access to God’s Word through Bibles, devotionals, and resources designed specifically for the Military. PHOTO BY: Mary Keller

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Thank You from Hurting People

112 Countries
As of this year, Bible-based Trauma Healing ministries are active in 112 countries around the globe. That’s 58% of the world!

3,068 Hearts Healed
This year, 3,068 people suffering from the pain of war, displacement, abuse, and other traumas found healing in Christ through our Trauma Healing ministry.

» TRAUMA HEALING GOES DIGITAL: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we saw a decrease in the number of in-person trauma healing groups held this year. However, dedicated and innovative trauma healing partners launched virtual healing groups all around the world.

1,554 Trained Volunteers
Our Bible-based Trauma Healing ministry follows a “train the trainer” strategy. We equip trauma healing facilitators in church communities to train hundreds of volunteers to serve the hurting people around them. This year 1,554 compassionate volunteers were trained.

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD CHANGED. WITH THE TRAUMA HEALING LESSONS, I FELT LIKE GOD UNDERSTOOD ME. I FELT FREE TO LIVE.”
– LESBIA GONZALEZ, TRAUMA HEALING PARTICIPANT
Faith and liberty is the anchor in life . . . It’s necessary for us to pay attention to the life of the Bible.” —Linda Bean, Faith and Liberty Discovery Center supporter

The Faith and Liberty Discovery Center’s landmark sculpture, The Beacon, is one of the largest Corian® sculptures in America, weighing more than 25,000 pounds. Its three interlocking strands represent America’s three founding documents: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bible.
Thank You for Your Generosity

OUR COLLECTIVE IMPACT (MINISTRY INVESTMENTS)

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During this pandemic year, we were conservative in our budgeting. We are already dispersing the surplus, much-needed funds to the most strategic Bible ministries.

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.
FOR THE EARTH SHALL BE FILLED WITH
THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD,
AS THE WATERS COVER THE SEA.

HABAKKUK 2:14 KJV