

Faith Comes By Hearing®

Pray With Us: August - October 2021

FAITH COMES BY HEARING FAMILY

Praise God! He has sent us 23 new employees since January 1, 2021, helping us expand our ministry and fulfill Vision 2033.

Pray that our new hires will quickly adapt to our culture and processes and be enfolded into our ministry family.

Praise God! We have not had any spread of COVID19 or its variants within our walls. Those who have been exposed outside the ministry have returned to work in full health.

Praise God for an amazing response from John Ankerberg Show viewers, including new viewers watching programs on Newsmax. May the transformative power of God's audible Word continue to move hearts as we prepare for new programs which will air at the end of the year.

AFRICA

Pray for shipments currently in customs to be cleared with minimum delays and costs.

Pray for safety and strength for our newest recording team in Cameroon, who recently started their first recording. **Pray** for willing participants to read for the recording.

Pray for healing for Miguel and Monica, our Mozambique recording team, who are suffering with a virus.

Pray for healing for Reuben from our Kenya recording team. He and his wife just finished a recording in Tanzania when he became very ill and was taken to the hospital. He was diagnosed with malaria and typhoid.

The World Health Organization recently reported that Africa is now suffering its worst period of the pandemic. The third wave of infections is being driven in part by the highly contagious Delta variant. Our partners ask that we **pray** for the Lord to protect the people of Africa and to provide for their needs during lockdown.

PACIFIC/OCEANIA

Papua New Guinea (PNG):

- **Pray** for the upcoming recording of the Keyagana Gospel of Mark. Ask God for a smooth recording and that many lives will be changed.
- **Pray** for our new PNG program coordinator. Ask God for a successful onboarding. May he advocate for Audio Scriptures effectively.

- **Praise God!** The Imbongu Gospel of Mark and the Mengen Gospel of Mark were recently completed.
- **Praise God!** 500 Proclaimers were released from customs to YWAM Lae, who will use them to train locals in listening programs.

Solomon Islands:

- **Pray** that we will be able to complete joint recordings with a local translation organization in the country.
- **Praise God!** The Baeggu New Testament recording, which had been delayed for two years, is complete and in our studio.

Australia: Pray for our partner recording the Plain English Version with Australian Aboriginal voice talent. Ask God to transform lives through this project.

Indonesia:

- **Pray** for an upcoming Old Testament recording in a largely unreached people group. Ask God to protect the recording team and the readers and to soften hearts to His Gospel.
- **Pray** for the Tugutil recording underway. Ask God to give the recording team stamina.
- **Praise God!** The Dani Upper and Lower Grand Valley New Testaments, both located in remote regions of Papua Indonesia, have completed the challenging field portion of the recordings.
- **Praise God!** Although the COVID pandemic continues, God has opened the door for several New Testament recordings in the country and has kept our recording teams healthy.

MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA/EURASIA

Regional:

- **Praise God** for ongoing success in a number of digital campaigns.
- **Pray** for several Proclaimers currently being held by customs in one country. **Pray** that God would soften the hearts of those responsible for the delay, as many people are eagerly awaiting the Word of God. These devices have been held up for several months.
- **Pray** for a long-term shipping solution for the country mentioned above.
- **Pray** for upcoming needs for 2-3 new staff positions.

Russia: **Praise God!** Multiple languages were recorded in the past six months. **Pray** that more borders will open for other recordings planned in 2021. **Pray** for a New Testament recording in Dagestan, Russia, planned to start in September.

Middle East/North Africa: **Praise God** for our partners recording and providing God's audible Word in this sensitive region.

ASIA

Regional: Pray for mainland Southeast Asia, which is experiencing a surge in COVID cases. This has inhibited our recording work.

Nepal:

- Pray that our planned Nepali recording team will have the interest and ability to start training in August after two years of delay.
- Pray for new partnerships here and their fruit—may more communities hear God's Word.

India:

- Pray for wisdom, peace, and protection for Christians and churches under increasing scrutiny. *India is currently ranked #10 in the list of most persecuted countries. (ongoing)*
- Pray COVID does not swell into a third phase so that teams can return to recording.
- Pray for partners affected by COVID variants. May God restore their health and protect them.
- Pray for the success of ongoing digital campaigns in South Asia.

Sri Lanka: Praise God! A shipment of Audio and Video Bibles arrived and was cleared for distribution.

Bangladesh: Pray for listening groups in Bangladesh. May God protect them and help them grow in their faith.

AMERICAS

Uruguay: Pray for the brand-new church borne out of digital Bible listening campaigns. Their leader passed away from COVID. Pray that God grants them peace and shines His light in this secular country where the Gospel is not welcome.

Haiti: Pray for the people of Haiti during this chaotic time. May the Audio Bibles and Gospel Films headed there now reach ears, eyes, and hearts for Christ.

Brazil: Pray for diverse communities receiving a large shipment of Audio Bibles. May our team in Brazil receive wisdom and open doors to expand physical and digital listening groups.

ORAL BIBLE TRANSLATION (OBT)

Africa: Pray for the continued safety of translation teams in communities where religious extremism and crime are rampant. May the Lord raise up trainers, teams, and consultants to meet the need for OBT across the continent.

South Asia: Pray for translation teams that face the risk of persecution for their faith. Pray for courage and boldness to continue their work.

Southeast Asia: *Many team members have been infected with COVID.* Pray that they would regain their health so that their projects may no longer be hindered. May the Lord inspire the translation teams with creative solutions despite not being allowed to meet together.

West Africa: Praise God! A community that adheres to the majority religion is hearing Scriptures and turning to Jesus. Many of the translators testify of the change in their lives when they began to internalize God's Word.

East Africa: Praise God! He has held off heavy rains and natural disasters from the region so a project can continue on schedule. The communities accept the translation and are hungry for the Word of God.

Central Asia: Pray God will bring together willing participants to start projects in communities closed to an Oral Bible Translation or who oppose Christ.

Global: Pray that God would provide the people and resources to ramp up OBT projects to reach more oral people with the Word of God.

LANGUAGE RECORDING

Brazil update: Praise God! The recording suspended earlier this year due to COVID was completed in July. Another recording previously postponed is planned to begin in August. Pray for Brazil still suffering the ravages of COVID-19. May the teams take all necessary measures to be safe and continue the work they urgently desire to do for God's kingdom.

Pray for wisdom and discernment for our recording partners as some countries start to allow travel, while others remain restricted due to recent COVID surges. Pray also for recording team members in South America, India, and Indonesia who have fallen ill with COVID—may they receive God's healing and the medical care they need. We need God's guidance to help us balance the urgency of the mission with day-to-day realities on the ground—being good stewards of all the resources He has provided to accomplish the goals of Vision 2033.

Pray for the continued development, testing, and deployment of a new recording software called Vessel, necessary to accelerate progress toward Vision 2033. Pray for energy and creativity for the development team, ingenuity and perseverance during field testing, and loosening of travel restrictions for training and rollout.