

Faith Comes By Hearing®

Pray With Us: February 2021 – April 2021

FAITH COMES BY HEARING FAMILY

Praise God as He continues to send us quality people to fill our posted positions. **Pray** for our new Production Manager, Asia Programs Coordinator, Software Engineer, and Audio Processing Editor, all of whom were hired since our last request, that they would adapt to the culture of Faith Comes By Hearing quickly and that their skills and abilities are magnified for the cause of Christ within their positions.

Pray for protection from COVID-19 for our staff. Although we have suffered several cases of COVID-19, they were exposed outside of work, so it is not spreading among our employees. We take every opportunity to protect our staff by working from home when we are able to do so and practicing all CDC guidelines.

Pray for our ability to stay focused on what God has asked of us as we trust in Him for all we need mentally, physically, and emotionally to do our jobs well.

Praise God for our leadership as they call on Him for direction and wisdom to choose the path forward for us in this time of unknowns.

PACIFIC/OCEANIA

Papua New Guinea:

- **Pray** for successful Audio Bible listening programs and Gospel Film showing events to start in the Kiriwina, Umbu-Ungu Andelale, Melpa, Siane, Burum Mindik, and Binumarien languages.
- **Pray** for God to raise up qualified candidates to serve as coordinators and recording team members as we seek to build capacity to reach Vision 2033 goals.
- **Pray** for the health and wellbeing of people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Ask God to let the pandemic end soon, if He is willing, and open the door for easier international travel.

Solomon Islands:

- **Pray** for lives to be changed as new listening programs are started on Malaita Island in the Kwaio and Kwara'ae languages.
- **Praise God!** The Sa'a New Testament recording was completed in the last quarter of 2020 despite the pandemic.

Indonesia: Praise God! Despite the pandemic hindering movements within Indonesia, FCBH recording teams were able to complete Gospel of Mark recordings in 19 different languages in the final quarter of 2020.

AMERICAS

Mexico: Pray for the opportunity to start new projects with the police in the north of the country. The program is on hold due to COVID restrictions. **Pray** for the necessary conditions to be in place for a safe environment in which to train leaders to start Bible listening programs.

Haiti: Pray for two of our implementing partners who have the means and capability to bring the Gospel into the country via listening programs. *They are eager to start, but are waiting for the right conditions to be able to enter the country and successfully implement programs among the many Haitians who are in desperate need of the hope that the Gospel brings.*

Brazil: Praise God! Even while many projects in the Americas are on hold due to the pandemic, a team in Brazil was able to start a new recording this month. **Pray** for the health and safety of all involved, and for the stamina of the team to complete this New Testament audio.

AFRICA

Pray for all the ministries and churches affected by region-wide shutdown.

Democratic Republic of the Congo: Pray for three teams recording in DRC. Last year, these same teams were locked down, away from home and family, for several months. We thank God for their courage to return. **Pray** for the protection of all involved and for worried families back home. **Pray** that they can finish these projects and return home without incident.

ASIA

Praise God for His protection over our teams and their families. None has reported COVID-19.

Nepal, India & Bangladesh:

- **Pray** COVID-19 restrictions continue to decline. Many areas are still closed or have quarantine requirements, delaying recordings.
- **Pray** for the partnering and hiring of new recording team members for expansion of teams in 2021 and beyond.

India: Pray for wisdom and protection for Christians and churches under increasing scrutiny. India is currently ranked #10 in the list of most persecuted countries.

MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA/EURASIA

Regional:

- **Pray** for wisdom as we plan and implement online and digital strategies for 2021.
- **Pray** for all ground partners to be able to travel again soon so that they may take God's Word to even the most remote and difficult parts of the region.
- **Pray** for our translation partners as they continue to work amidst delays, which cause many FCBH recording opportunities to be delayed as well.

Middle East: Praise God! Audio Bibles have finally reached the region. Pray that partners are able to get the units to those who need them.

Spain: Praise God for the completion of the Catalan recording. **Pray** for the right conditions and for preparations to be in place for the Bible dedication in March. **Pray** for the use and impact of God's Word among those Spaniards who tie their identity so closely to their Catalan heritage and language. **Pray** that the Gospel penetrates their hearts—may they be forever transformed by the Word of God.

ORAL BIBLE TRANSLATION (OBT)

Pray for the testing of the Render 3.0 translation software, which will launch very soon.

Pray for the upcoming OBT projects in Mozambique, Benin, and Nigeria.

Pray for health, wisdom, and direction from the Lord as we set up new projects and train speakers of new languages amidst the challenges of coronavirus.

DIGITAL

Praise God for successful use of the Bible.is app in the 21-day Christmas listening campaign! **Pray** the same for the Lent listening campaign starting Feb. 17, and for wisdom as we work towards updating the Bible.is website to support the same features as the mobile app.

Praise God that Version 4 of the Digital Bible Platform (DBP) is successfully serving Bible.is! **Pray** for success as we invite developers using Version 2 to upgrade to Version 4, and then seek to expand usage via rebranding and public release. Also, **pray** that we'll be able to add better support for users in low-bandwidth areas (including via Bible.is).

Praise God for tremendous progress on improved analytics servers and reporting for Bible.is. **Pray** that we can deploy these into production use, so we can better understand global impact and campaign effectiveness.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT/MILITARY OUTREACH

Praise God! Amidst the COVID shutdown, more than 104,000 Military BibleSticks were sent in 2020 to be placed in the hands of our active-duty service members and veterans.

*The Church Development team began introducing Vision 2033 to their church base at the end of October. **Praise God:** The ability to not only fund Military BibleSticks, but to partake in funding the recording and provision of God's Word in more languages has been received favorably!*

Pray for the local church. Pastors are overcoming unprecedented challenges as they minister the truth of God's Word to their congregations and communities. As pastors share Bible.is with their congregations, **pray** that more and more people would fall in love with God's Word and the church would be strengthened.

LANGUAGE RECORDING

Pray for wisdom and discernment for our recording partners as some countries start opening up to allow travel. 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, which is needed to accelerate progress toward Vision 2033. **Pray** for energy and creativity for the development team creating the software, ingenuity and perseverance for alpha and beta testing, and loosening of travel restrictions for training and rollout.

GOSPEL FILMS/LISTENING PROGRAMS

Global: Pray for the ONE Lent 2021 campaign as hundreds of churches from 10+ countries join together to listen through the Gospels and watch the Gospel of Mark. **Pray** that many lives would be brought closer to Christ through His Word. May this pilot project result in a long-term model for church Bible engagement worldwide.

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