

Faith Comes By Hearing®

Pray With Us: FEBRUARY – APRIL 2024

FAITH COMES BY HEARING FAMILY

Praise God for all His blessings. We thank Him for the continued good health of our staff and their families so they can focus on the work He has assigned. **Pray** for wisdom and discernment for our managers as they review applicants for open positions. **Pray** for qualified people to apply.

AFRICA

Regional:

- *Due to escalating threats to vessels in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, ocean freight carriers are implementing transit safety measures. Ships re-route around Africa or dock in safe locations to wait out any threats. These measures will likely result in backlogs and delays.* **Pray** for shipments to arrive safely and in a timely manner.
- *Many countries in Africa are dealing with financial woes and political conflicts leading to people fleeing their homes and much suffering.* **Pray** for peace and provision for those affected. May God's Word bring comfort and hope.
- **Praise God** for several Covenant films adapted during this current quarter: West Oromo (Ethiopia); Nuer and Bari (South Sudan); Somali (Kenya); Berom (Nigeria); Ga, Ewe, and Akuapem (Ghana); and Moore (Burkina Faso).

Botswana: **Praise God** for the Shekgalagari New Testament (NT) recording completed in December.

Zambia: **Praise God** for the Chokwe NT recording completed in December.

Liberia: **Praise God** for the Krahn Eastern NT recording completed in December.

Chad: **Praise God** for the Musey NT recording completed in December.

Cameroon: **Pray** for availability of good readers as they record the Bakweri NT.

Burkina Faso:

- **Praise God** for the Samo Maya NT recording completed in December.
- **Pray** for the Samo Matya NT recording. **Pray** for safe travel for the readers traveling the city for the recording due to the current security situation in the country.

Nigeria:

- **Praise God** for the Ibaas NT recording completed in November.
- **Pray** for the Berom Old Testament recording.

AMERICAS

Regional:

Pray for long and difficult recordings in Mexico and Colombia to finish strong.

Praise God! Two new recording teams in the Americas completed their first recordings with great success.

Venezuela:

- **Pray** for the opportunity for our team to go into Venezuela to record and provide God's Word.
- **Pray** for wisdom in finding the best way to get devices into the country.

Haiti:

- **Pray** for the newest development with our partner Promise Child, who has recruited a listening program implementer. **Pray** for her safety and for favor among the people.
- **Pray** Audio Bibles will arrive in the country safely.

Chile: **Pray** for the newest endeavor between Faith Comes By Hearing, the Bible Society of Chile, and a local seminary to train Mapuche leaders to take the Word of God to their communities and bring them out of violence into peace.

ASIA

South Asia:

- **Praise God!** More than 388 digital campaigns have started in fiscal year 2024, resulting in around 8 million digital engagements.
- **Pray** for the "Vishwas Ki Aawaz" campaign rolled out in January with our partner, connecting new believers with discipleship groups through online platforms.
- **Pray** for the ongoing online Audio Bible Contests conducted by our coordinators in Nepal, Sri Lanka and India. **Pray** many youth will take more time to study and engage with the Word of God and participate in these contests.
- **Pray** for our coordinators in South Asia as they plan the "Easter is in the Cross 2024" campaign with our field partners in seven major South Asian languages using Easter Gospel Films on various platforms. Also, **pray** for the Easter Gospel Film broadcast planned for several satellite and cable TV stations during the Easter week.

Bangladesh:

- **Praise God!** A new team will start recording this year.
- **Praise God** for successful 90-day digital Scripture engagement programs in 50 new churches across the country.
- **Pray** for the upcoming Covenant film voice recordings in Chakma and Marma. May they be carried out effectively, and may the Gospel touch the hearts of those who hear it.

Nepal:

- **Pray** for increased recording opportunities in 2024.
- **Praise God** for two new Scripture recordings released in December (Kayort and Hyolmo).
- **Praise God** for nine completed Nepal Media Summits.
- **Praise God** for 40 successful Audio Bible Contests in December.
- **Praise God!** The 2023 "Christmas Is In The Heart" campaign was a success.
- **Pray** for the E-Tamang, Newari, Nepali, and Limbu radio programs planned for this year.

India:

- **Praise God** for a blessed meeting that took place outside of Delhi between multiple departments from the U.S. and South Asia staff to strategize for 2024.
- **Praise God** for open doors with various denominations.
- **Praise God** for new team members.
- **Pray** for End to End projects planned with partners.

Sri Lanka:

- **Pray** for discussions later this quarter with a partner to help advance future recording needs.
- **Praise God** for more than 2,500 listening and watching groups throughout the country.
- **Praise God!** Sri Lanka received 4,500 Proclaimers and 70 Acclaimers without much issue.
- **Praise God!** The Ceylon Bible Society has given us permission to use the Sinhala and Tamil audio for Proclaimers and Scripture film adaptations.
- **Pray** for our upcoming partnership projects with Voice of the Martyrs and Campus Crusade.
- **Pray** for our national director as he attends the Scripture Union global gathering in March.
- **Pray** for a dramatic increase in devices and programs.

EURASIA/MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA**MENA:**

- **Praise God!** The sensitive recording mentioned in the last prayer letter has been completed. **Pray** we can safely find a way for those who need it to use this recording.
- **Pray** for new strategies, expansion, and staff in several countries.

Eurasia:

- **Pray** for a shipment currently on its way to a sensitive/restricted country. If this arrives successfully, it could open the door in other similar countries.
- **Pray** for a large promotion/distribution event scheduled to take place in March. May Audio Bibles reach the event safely, and may the right people join.

Sensitive Region: Praise God! A sensitive recording has now been completed without any issues, blockage, or delays.

Russia: Praise God! Faith Comes By Hearing has trained a new recordist who will continue much-needed audio recordings in the region.

PACIFIC/OCEANIA

Regional: Pray and Praise for potential new recording teams we are in the process of recruiting and training for the South Pacific.

Solomon Islands: Pray for our partner's research in Scripture engagement in the native tongue.

Australia:

- **Pray** for breakthroughs in engaging aboriginal people groups with listening programs.
- Pray** for a person of peace we can connect with among these communities.
- **Pray** for remaining languages without a Scripture recording or a translation.

Papua New Guinea (PNG):

- **Praise God!** The Vula'a and Yale' Scripture recordings have been released, and the Aziana recording is complete.
- **Praise God!** A new recording team is ready to launch.
- **Pray** for the Keyagana NT and the potential recording of the Amele NT scheduled to take place this quarter.
- **Pray** for one of our project assistants who endured a tragic accident in which his wife perished.
- **Prayer and Praise** for the upcoming trainings of new recording team members and a partnership with YWAM, scheduled to take place mid-2024.

Solomon Islands:

- **Praise God!** The Wala recording is nearing completion.
- **Pray** for the upcoming recording of the 'Are'Are Gospel of Mark.

Vanuatu: **Pray** for the island of Pentecost as they recover from a devastating cyclone. The rest of their New Testament is scheduled to be recorded in May/June.

ORAL BIBLE TRANSLATION (OBT)

- **Praise God!** We have just filled a position for OBT Lead Trainer.
- **Pray** for a smooth and quick transition for the team members we are bringing on.
- With the many OBT projects starting this quarter using our new Render 3 software, **pray** that implementation and training would go as smoothly as possible.

TECHNOLOGY

- **Pray** God would fill the posted Director of Technology position.
- **Pray** the newly-assembled application support team would gel together well.
- **Pray** the replacement of our central language project tracking system would succeed and accelerate our workflow.
- **Pray** overhaul of recording scripts tools would succeed and benefit the teams.

LANGUAGE RECORDING

- **Praise God!** In the fourth quarter of 2023, seven Virtual Recording projects were released from our studio. Three are new languages.
- Participants in current Virtual Recording projects need encouragement. **Pray** for motivated readers, reviewers, and project coordinators to complete their assignments so communities can have access to God's Word in the language and format they understand.

- **Praise God!** Four Virtual Recording projects finished the recording phase. They are now in our studio for final mastering.
- **Pray** for a Virtual Recording NT project on pause due to increased pressure and persecution of the Christian community in that region.
- **Praise God!** We exceeded our goal to adapt The Covenant in more than 25 languages in 2023. **Pray** for open doors to adapt many more Covenant films during 2024, so even more communities can experience the Old Testament in a whole new way.
- **Praise God** for the Faith Comes By Hearing software development team and their diligent work to upgrade the Vessel recording software. **Pray** for the further rollout of the software to 18 recording teams globally. **Pray** also for the upgraded equipment that needs to be sourced, prepped, and delivered to these teams. May God guide the logistics of this operation so the recording work can continue without delay.