

Faith Comes By Hearing®

Pray With Us: May – July 2021

FAITH COMES BY HEARING FAMILY

Praise God! He has sent us 14 new employees since January 1, 2021. **Pray** that our new hires will quickly adapt to our culture and processes and be enfolded into our ministry family, despite the COVID restrictions of masking and distancing that we follow.

Pray that God will send us the right people to join our staff who will fit well within our culture, know that they are called to our purpose, and bring the needed skills to help us reach our Vision 2033 goals.

Praise God that we have not had any spread of COVID within our walls and that those on staff that were exposed outside the ministry have recovered and returned to work and full health!

Pray for our HR Department as we convert to a new payroll and staffing system, due to a company buyout of our previous provider.

Praise God for providing five temporary locations that allow us all to work as teams on-site and still maintain the distancing COVID requires.

Pray for new John Ankerberg shows airing each Sunday in May through June, that many would respond to this powerful content and support both Ankerberg and Faith Comes By Hearing.

AFRICA

Regional: Pray for the Bible Societies of Democratic Republic of the Congo, Congo, Burundi, and Mali as they mourn over the loss of their beloved colleagues as well as for the families of those who have passed away.

Pray for Africa in general as COVID-19 infection rates are climbing in several countries, causing a new round of lockdowns and restrictions.

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

Chad: Pray for the protection of our partners and for political stability and peace to return.

ASIA

India:

- **Praise God!** The first batch of Audio Bibles purposed for End-to-End programs has arrived in Bangalore.
- **Praise God** for the success of Easter Gospel Film watching groups on Facebook and WhatsApp.
- **Pray** as India has entered a second wave of COVID, with massive case numbers registered each day. One of our recordists lost a brother to the disease, and six other family members have tested positive for COVID.
- **Pray** for wisdom and protection for Christians and churches under increasing scrutiny. India is currently ranked #10 in the list of most persecuted countries.

Nepal:

- **Pray** for the Nepal Christian Society as we enter partnership. May God use us together to bring glory to His name.
- We are holding a meeting with potential partners to discuss the possibility of new Oral Bible Translation (OBT) projects in the area. **Pray** for pre-OBT conference preparation.
- **Pray** that rising COVID numbers will not hinder our work here.
- Audio Bible imports from Delhi are not moving forward currently; **pray** that we receive the devices soon.
- **Praise God!** A Nepali recording team has been formed. While COVID restrictions have temporarily delayed the training, plans are in place to proceed with their first New Testament recording as soon as conditions will permit. The Lord has also led several partners in Kathmandu to generously help our trainer and new team with several needs while there.

Sri Lanka:

- **Praise God** for the televising of the Easter Gospel Film on Easter Sunday.
- **Pray** for an online Gospel Film watching program in Colombo in May. Pray that many people would hear, see, consider, and discuss God's truth.
- **Pray** for the increasing number of Gospel Film watching groups springing up in the north.
- **Pray** for our partner, who is distributing God's Word throughout the country this summer.

Bangladesh:

- **Pray** for the Bible Society as they start planning the next quarter's distribution amidst COVID.
- **Pray** for the existing listening groups—that God will protect them and help them grow in their faith.

South Asia/MENA/Eurasia: Praise God! More recording opportunities are becoming available as COVID lessens throughout parts of these regions.

AMERICAS

Brazil:

- **Pray** for recording efforts—the new COVID variant has ground all projects to a halt.
- **Pray** for the listening and watching groups who still meet virtually, and for those members who were recently baptized.

Haiti: Pray for the recent listening group leader training, videotaped in their native Haitian Creole. **Pray** that this tool will be used effectively among the Haitian people, who desperately need the transforming power of the Gospel to come and demolish spiritual forces holding them captive.

MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA/EURASIA

Regional:

- **Praise God** for continued new partnership and open doors. Many ministries across the region are excited to use Audio Bibles and Gospel Films, and many are asking for new languages to be made available.
- **Praise God** for the many partners willing to work with us on digital campaigns. **Pray** for legal agreements and other details to be worked out.
- **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 His Word.

Russia: Praise God! Several recordings have been completed in the region over the past five months.

PACIFIC/OCEANIA

Solomon Islands:

- **Praise God!** The Baeggu New Testament recording that was stalled a couple years ago is nearing completion.
- **Pray** for the successful on-the-job training of a recordist from a partner's media department.

Vanuatu:

- **Pray** for an open door in 2021 to send a recording team to Vanuatu to record at least one of four available New Testaments with the Bible Society.
- **Praise God!** The book of Genesis in Nafe, spoken on Tanna Island, is nearly 50% complete using the Virtual Recording platform.

Papua New Guinea:

- **Pray** for good health for recording teams and the communities they will be working in to record the Mengen New Testament and the Keyagana Gospel of Mark.
- **Praise God!** Even though COVID has been spreading and new lockdowns have been implemented by the government, recording teams have been able to continue projects by following recommended health protocols.

Indonesia:

- **Pray** for good health for the five recording teams who have begun researching several Gospels of Mark and New Testaments to record beginning in May. Several of the New Testaments are in rural Papua. **Pray** for safe travel to this remote location.
- **Praise God!** At the end of 2020, FCBH recorded 19 Gospels of Mark in Indonesia. Many of these have been released with their accompanying Gospel Films. The audio and films were promoted online during the Easter season, and the feedback we have received is positive.

LANGUAGE RECORDING

Brazil update: The recording begun early in 2021 nearly reached completion before a new surge of COVID cases caused it to shut down and forced the recording team to go back home. **Pray** for the continued health and protection of all participants and that the situation will improve soon so the team can return.

Paraguay: Praise God for the completion of the Toba Maskoy New Testament recording, accomplished during the pandemic in a remote location.

Pray for wisdom and discernment for our recording partners as some countries start to allow travel, while others remain restricted in light of recent COVID surges. 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.

ORAL BIBLE TRANSLATION (OBT)

Benin:

- **Praise God!** Two new OBT projects have been started for the Cabe and Ica language groups and already have consultant-approved Scriptures to share in audio.
- **Pray** for the two additional projects in Benin that will start this month and one more that is scheduled for May.
- **Praise God** that four new French-speaking OBT trainers have attended these workshops and are well on their way to being able to train for future projects.

Nigeria: An OBT training workshop for the Ribina language group scheduled for January was postponed because our trainer came down with COVID. It is now scheduled for June and will be held in conjunction with another training for the Zakshi people group. **Pray** for a successful project launch and no more hindrances.

Democratic Republic of the Congo: An OBT project for the Likoka people group is beginning in June. A “Translation Principles” workshop in May will prepare them for a successful launch. **Pray** that both the training workshop and the OBT workshop will be successful.

Mozambique: Praise God for a new Genesis project in February 2021 for the Ciyaawo people. After facing many challenges during travel, our trainer finally was able to arrive eight days after his departure from training in the U.S.

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