

# Faith Comes By Hearing®

**Pray With Us:** November 2020 – January 2021

## FAITH COMES BY HEARING FAMILY

**Thank you** for faithfully praying for the health, safety, and protection of our ministry's leadership, employees, and their families, as well as hundreds of partners in the field worldwide.

**Praise God** for his protection of our staff from COVID-19. To date, no one has tested positive for the virus. **Pray** that all the staff continues to remain healthy as flu season, the holidays with family gatherings, and travel are upon us.

**Pray** that the staff maintain their positive attitudes under the duress of working in shifts, with masks, frequent hand-washing, and social distancing in order to comply with New Mexico health mandates.

**Pray** for wisdom as we consider options for our health plan design to be the best stewards of the donations that help support this benefit, while providing excellent healthcare for our staff.

## PACIFIC/OCEANIA

### Indonesia:

- **Pray** for safe travel and good health as five recording teams begin two New Testament recording projects as well as three projects aimed at recording the Gospel of Mark in fifteen languages.
- **Pray** for those involved in Scripture engagement efforts using Proclaimers, Bible apps, and Gospel Films.
- **Pray** for open hearts to the Gospel in many sensitive areas of the country.
- **Praise God!** Two recording teams recently completed an Old Testament recording in a prominent language. No one taking part in the recording suffered from sickness.

### Papua New Guinea:

- **Pray** for collaboration in Scripture engagement opportunities despite the pandemic.
- **Pray** for the Kanite New Testament recording stalled due to COVID-19. May God open that door for the recording to continue.
- **Praise God!** The recording of the Baruya New Testament was completed this month.

- **Praise God!** Three hundred chaplains in the Papua New Guinea Defense Force received Military BibleSticks.
- **Praise God!** 200 Proclaimers containing the Siane (Komongu), Binumarien, and Burum-Mindik languages are on their way to Papua New Guinea.

#### **Solomon Islands:**

- **Praise God!** The Sa'a New Testament recording is nearly complete.
- **Pray** for the Scripture engagement efforts happening on Malaita Island in the Kwaio and Kwara'ae languages.

#### **Philippines:**

- **Praise God!** The FCBH Philippines team has adapted to the pandemic by creating "new normal" Bible listening group protocols and training videos. While they still experience strict quarantine orders in Manila, they are still able to send Proclaimers and provide training via video for home quarantine listening groups throughout the country. **Pray** for fruitfulness in these endeavors.
- **Pray** for reduced COVID cases and restrictions, which would allow FCBH to continue recording work in the country.

## AMERICAS

**Region: Praise God** for the tremendous reception the digital Scripture engagement campaign has achieved during the past few months. Thousands upon thousands of people all over Latin America are connecting with our Scripture engagement YouTube channel, which feeds into several other social media platforms and stimulates discussion and discipleship. The impact has been phenomenal. God's Word cannot be stopped by COVID-19!

#### **Brazil:**

- **Pray** for a new team of nationals engaged in our mission.
- **Pray** for access to 30 translations of the New Testament that have yet to be recorded as well as the 67 indigenous languages that still lack a translation. **Pray** for creative opportunities to accomplish these tasks, as these languages are very remote, and the difficulty in reaching them is compounded by COVID-19.

**Jamaica: Pray** for the upcoming comprehensive campaign involving physical devices, Bible app promotion, Gospel Film watching groups, experimentation with new devices, and a social media campaign. **Pray** that the people of Jamaica would embrace their native Jamaican Creole translation as authentic Scripture and be transformed by God's Word in their mother tongue. **Pray** that their religiosity would take root in their hearts rather than be relegated to a cultural identity.

## AFRICA

**Pray** for all the ministries and churches affected by region-wide shutdown. Some have been forced to close due to lack of income—no one can attend, so no one can tithe.

## ASIA

### **Region:**

- **Pray** for the success of the 21 Days Bible.is Christmas Campaign in Malaysia, Taiwan, and Vietnam, through which potential millions of people will hear God's Word in their heart language during the holiday season.
- **Pray** for our plans to increase the number of local recording teams and recording partners as well as the import of equipment—especially into India, Nepal and Bangladesh. Pray that God provides experienced and dedicated Christian men or women to serve Him in this mighty and honorable way.
- **Praise God!** We have not received any reports of our recording teams, recording partners, or their families in these regions catching COVID-19.

**Malaysia: Pray** that the second wave of COVID-19 would end quickly so that international travel would be allowed.

**Vietnam: Pray** that the border with Malaysia would be opened soon so that 4,000+ micro SD cards containing God's Word can be hand-carried into the country.

**Myanmar and Cambodia: Pray** that lockdown would ease so that listening programs may be resumed or facilitated once more.

**Thailand: Pray** for the listening group and Proclaimer training our staff member is conducting virtually with 40-50 lu Mien pastors in early November.

## India:

- **Pray** for continued wisdom with government intervention, as India is second in COVID-19 cases worldwide. Safety protocols are not always followed even in the hospitals, so spread of the virus is a true concern.
- **Praise God!** Several recordings that stalled in March have restarted.
- **Pray** for eight regional recordings of the book of Mark that will be used in Gospel Films.

## MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA/EURASIA

### Regional:

- **Pray** that God's Word would go forth in the numerous countries currently experiencing social unrest.
- **Pray** for recording delays in several countries in this region.
- **Pray** for the online Gospel Film campaigns taking place in several countries.

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

**Russia: Praise God!** Our recording partner is able to continue recordings within the country's borders.

## ORAL BIBLE TRANSLATION (OBT)

**Pray** for the continued development of the Render 3.0 translation software.

**Pray** for the long-awaited upcoming OBT projects in Nigeria, DRC, Benin, and Malaysia.

## PROGRAMS

**Pray** for the ONE pilot campaign taking place during Lent next year—several cities around the world will unite to create Bible engagement movements among millions of people. The Church will be brought together to make disciples and reach immigrants and refugees with the Gospel through Audio Bibles and Gospel Films.

## MILITARY OUTREACH

**Pray** that God would comfort the veterans and soldiers facing severe isolation due to COVID-19. **Pray** that their need for the Savior would be met through listening to the Military BibleStick.

**Praise God!** His Word continues to spread through faithful chaplains giving out Military BibleSticks as the country begins to reopen.

## LANGUAGE RECORDING

**Praise God!** Recording teams in Africa, India, and the Philippines, stranded away from home for weeks and months due to the pandemic, have all returned home and reunited with their families. A few have even started new recordings. We thank God for the courage, perseverance and faithfulness of our recording team partners.

**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.

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