

# Faith Comes By Hearing®

**Pray With Us:** OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2021

FAITH COMES BY HEARING FAMILY

**Praise God!** He has sent us 31 new employees since January 1, 2021, to expand our ministry and help us fulfill Vision 2033. **Pray** that our new employees will learn their role quickly and feel a part of our culture as they begin to work alongside their specific team members.

**Praise God!** We have all our employees together again in our two facilities. The remodeling of our headquarters has allowed us to condense the number of workplaces from five locations into two locations and still maintain COVID restrictions of social distancing.

**Pray** for our employees' and their families' health as we all try to manage possible exposures to the Delta variant of COVID.

**Pray** for our partner John Ankerberg and his entire JA Show staff—may their televised productions, which include Faith Comes By Hearing testimonies, come together with God's anointing.

**Pray** for those attending our fall virtual event. May hearts be moved to continue the work of recording and providing God's Word in every language that needs it. **Pray** for the speakers, tech team, and equipment to work harmoniously. Please **pray** also for our similar event in Hong Kong in November. Our team asks for wisdom, inspiration, and Spirit movement.

AFRICA

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

**Pray** for stability in Cameroon. The recording team ceased the recording and have returned home. They plan to return and finish when the situation has improved.

**Praise God!** Miguel and Monica are both feeling much better (please see last quarter's prayer letter for context). **Pray** for their strength as they conduct two recordings back-to-back while in Zambia.

**Praise God** for Reuben's full recovery (please see last quarter's prayer letter for context)! He and Jacinta have returned to Tanzania to record another language. **Pray** for good health and a successful recording.

**Pray** for two of our Ghana teams who are recording three projects in Northern Nigeria. **Pray** for their safety and protection as they travel, and for the participants' wellbeing.

## AMERICAS

**Regional:** Despite COVID surges, we plan to start new minority recordings in Peru, Colombia, and southern Mexico this quarter. Please **pray** for protection and health for recording teams and readers alike, as well as the ability to travel unrestricted within these countries. **Pray** also for God to equip the readers, many of whom may struggle in reading the mother tongue. Lord, envision them with the mission of their work for their non-literate brethren and give them the fortitude to persevere.

**Venezuela:** **Pray** for the upcoming opportunity to record God's Word in two languages of Venezuela. **Pray** for the impact God will make in this beleaguered country.

### **Brazil:**

- **Pray** for the ongoing listening groups among the Qilombolas. **Pray** for the transforming power of the Gospel to have maximum impact through these groups.
- **Pray** for Audio Bible recordings in a few languages stalled due to COVID which are now reengaging.
- **Pray** for the ongoing investigation of remote and obscure languages and people groups deep in the jungle. May God show us what their Scripture needs are.

**Haiti:** **Pray** God would bring desperately needed peace through His audible and visual Word. **Pray** for churches across the Americas receiving Haitian refugees to be able to provide a loving community and the hope of the Gospel.

**U.S.:** **Pray** for opportunities to use God's Word in audio to minister to refugees from several countries which persecute Christians. May God allow Faith Comes By Hearing to record or translate His Word in partnership with people from these countries.

## ASIA

### **Regional:**

- **Pray** for the partners in this region experiencing ongoing impact from COVID. Pray for open doors and creative means to conduct recordings in the region while ongoing lockdowns, travel restrictions, and border closures cause challenges. We **thank God** for His faithfulness and sovereign orchestration of all our work.
- **Pray** for ongoing digital Bible listening campaigns—ask God to transform the lives of hearers.
- **Pray** for an upcoming Gospel Film watching campaign in six major languages.

### **Nepal:**

- **Pray** for our newly planned Nepali recording team, which has yet to receive training. Early May 2021 was the hopeful target date—regions for the recordings, however, are still a concern regarding COVID. Please **pray** for patience and wisdom in the meantime.
- **Pray** for our language assessment work to lead to new Oral Bible Translation initiatives.

### **Sri Lanka:**

- **Praise God!** The number of new COVID-positive cases is decreasing in the country. **Pray** for our partners in the country still struggling due to the pandemic.

- **Pray** for partnership agreements leading to radio and television programs to bear fruit.
- **Pray** the country would open for travel.

**Bangladesh: Pray** for an upcoming End-to-End [reading, hearing, and watching God's Word] Scripture engagement plan to bless many communities.

**India:**

- **Praise God!** Four out of five current teams are either recording or will record soon as COVID restrictions lessen. **Pray** these teams stay safe. May all participants use wisdom and proven guidelines for COVID.
- **Pray** for listening group members to be strong in the Lord amidst a third COVID wave.
- **Pray** for an upcoming meeting with partners who want to use Christmas Gospel Film clips on their social media pages.
- **Pray** the Audio Bible devices certification process will go well. There is great demand, and we have limited stock.

EURASIA/MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA

**Regional:**

- **Praise God** for open doors in several Central Asian countries.
- **Praise God** for all He has done during COVID, and for several partners with effective digital outreach.
- **Pray** for wisdom and for the right partners as we increase our digital reach and plan Christmas campaigns.
- **Pray** for a key partner who has a medical condition requiring an expensive surgery and hasn't the means to pay for it.
- **Pray** for COVID to come under control so travel restrictions will be loosened.
- **Praise God** for continued recordings coming from in-country partners for Scripture engagement and Gospel Films. Because of sensitivity in this region, these unnamed languages would not be recorded otherwise.

**Russia: Pray** for a nascent New Testament recording. May all involved receive protection and providence from God.

PACIFIC/OCEANIA

**Papua New Guinea: Pray** for the vast number of languages in this country still needing a translation and/or recording. **Pray** for the formation of a Faith Comes By Hearing national or regional team to be formed.

**Fiji: Pray** for wisdom and clear direction for Faith Comes By Hearing and the Bible Society of the South Pacific as we move towards Vision 2033.

**Solomon Islands: Praise God!** Several recordings have started recently. **Pray** God would send us an in-country Language Recording Coordinator for this region.

## ORAL BIBLE TRANSLATION (OBT)

**Australia: Praise God** for the answers to prayer surrounding the Kimberly Kriol Oral Bible Translation project facilitated by YWAM Perth. Continue to **pray** this aboriginal people group would experience peace and safety so translation work can continue.

**Bangladesh: Praise God!** His Word is well-received by the Koch, Mahle, Paharia, and Pangkua communities. *The team has successfully distributed the Gospel of Luke to countless villages and communities.* **Pray** the government would not hinder the progress of translation and Scripture engagement.

**Burkina Faso: Praise God!** His Word has healing power among oral communities. *In one listening group, a woman confessed she had been healed by Jesus while hearing God's Word. She, 11 members of her family, and two visitors trusted in Christ that day.*

**Nigeria: Pray** for safety, courage, and peace for our partners, trainers, and OBT team members as they translate and record God's Word.

**India: Pray** for the continued work of three OBT projects well on their way to completing an entire oral New Testament—the first projects to do so using the Render software. Please **pray** they would possess diligence and focus, and that God would keep them safe from persecution.

### **Global:**

- **Pray** for the Oral Bible Translation movement—that every partner organization would receive wisdom to start OBT work in every language that needs it by 2033.
- **Pray** for more countries, especially in Asia and the Pacific, to relax restrictions so new projects can begin.
- **Pray** we would continue to work together in unity with our partners. May the Holy Spirit continue to align the vision of everyone involved.

### LANGUAGE RECORDING:

**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. 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.