



ENGAGE EVERYONE IN GOD'S WORD

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER



*And God will give you spiritual seed and make that seed grow. He will produce a great harvest from your goodness.*

2 Corinthians 9:10 ERV

As the global hunger for God's Word grew in 2023, so did the requests for Bibles. God blessed! And with your support, there was much to celebrate...

- nearly 2.9 million people reached with God's Word;
- almost 160,000 believers trained to share the Good News;
- 2,679 newly planted churches;
- more than 6.9 million Bibles and biblical resources utilized.

But most of all, we celebrated 85 years of God's faithfulness to this ministry we share. And we celebrated people like you!

Thank you for once again answering His call to be part of this life-transforming work. Thank you for your gifts and prayers. You helped to provide the Bibles and training that led people in more than 50 countries to come to understand God's Word and find new life in Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit,

**You helped bring the Good News to  
328 people every hour of every day in 2023.**

God is good! Please join me in giving Him all praise and glory.

Jos Snoep  
President and CEO

# TRANSFORMING LIVES



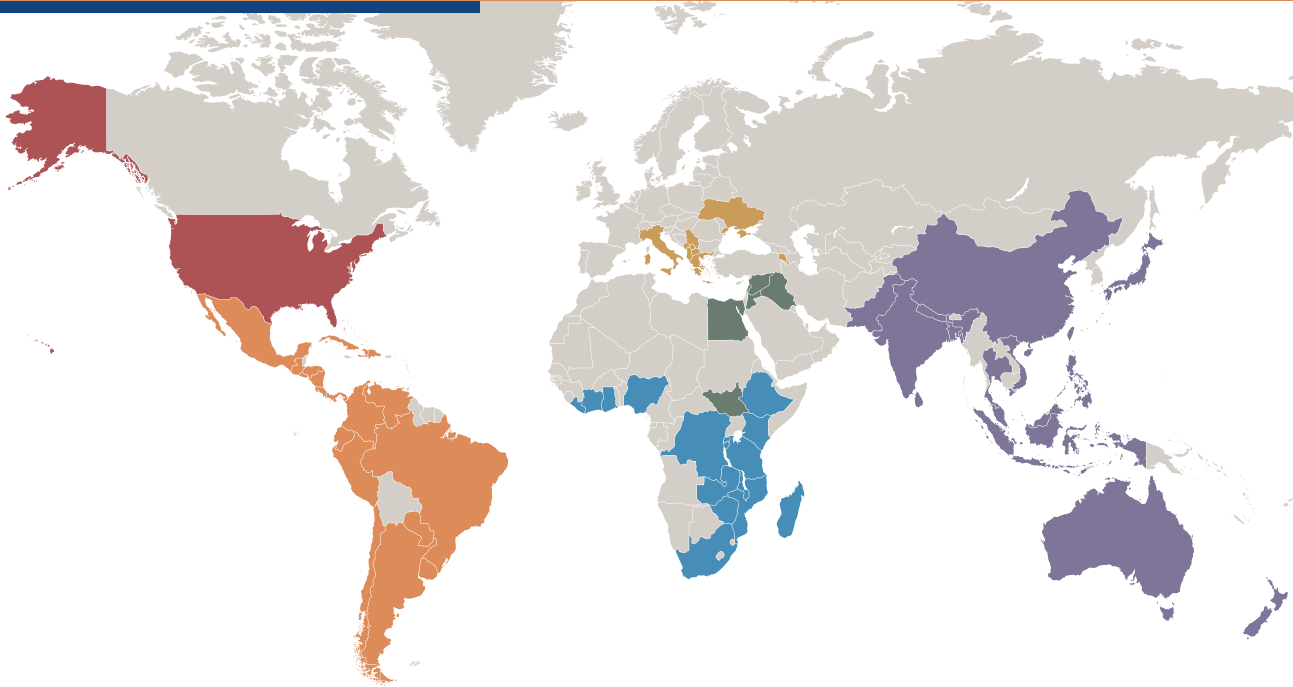
José Morales (above right) had never been able to break a 30-year addiction to drugs and alcohol...until a local pastor shared God's Word with him. "I cried out to God, 'Help me!'" says the now 67-year-old José from his home in northwest Peru. As he spoke those words, an "inexplicable peace" washed over him. "I experienced God's grace at that moment."

Freed from his addictions, José craved just one thing—to share that grace with others. Bible League's Church Planter Training helped him.

Retired from his job at an oil company, he is now serving the Lord full-time, bringing the hope of God's Word to people of all ages and families in the city of Piura and beyond. "The Word of God will bear fruit," says José, who is grateful for the Bibles, Bible study materials, and training you helped provide. He's planted a new church and today is training new leaders to help it grow.

"May God bless you," he concludes. "Your names are written in the book of life because you are helping to preach the Word that transforms lives."

# REACHING THE WORLD WITH GOD’S WORD



## MEETING THE GROWING HUNGER FOR BIBLES AND TRAINING

	FY21	FY22	FY23
People Reached	2,111,897	2,756,845	2,877,484
Leaders Trained	99,570	124,756	158,821
Churches Planted	1,426	1,622	2,679
Bibles	1,416,540	1,401,305	1,732,399
Biblical Resources	4,936,862	4,943,411	5,182,717

### 2023 WORLDWIDE SCRIPTURE IMPACT

1,732,399 BIBLES	2,617,942 DIGITAL DOWNLOADS	14,512,674 LICENSEE SCRIPTURE USE
5,182,717 BIBLICAL RESOURCES	61,296 MATERIAL SALES	24,107,028 TOTAL IMPACT

### 2023 BIBLE LEAGUE MINISTRY COUNTRIES

**Africa**  
Burundi, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe

**Asia**  
Australia, Bangladesh, China (including Hong Kong and Macau), India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam

**Europe**  
Albania, Armenia, Greece, Italy, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Ukraine

**Latin America**  
Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

**Middle East**  
Egypt, Iraq/Kurdistan, Jordan, Lebanon, South Sudan, Syria, and two countries not identified for security reasons

**North America**  
U.S.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## FY23 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2023 Statement of Activities for Bible League International and Affiliates  
for the Year Ended September 30, 2023

### Public Support and Revenue

Donor Cash Contributions .....	\$18,072,801
Bibles for Missions Thrift Centers .....	\$2,257,700
International Funding Partners .....	\$2,838,998
Gifts-In-Kind .....	\$7,568
Legacies and Bequests .....	\$5,311,690
<b>Public Support Total .....</b>	<b>\$28,488,757</b>

### Other Revenue

Non-operating Revenue .....	\$1,239,761
Scripture Sales .....	\$191,387
<b>Other Revenue Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,431,148</b>
<b>Grand Total .....</b>	<b>\$29,919,905</b>

### Expenditures

Program .....	\$24,669,824	75.7%
Administration .....	\$3,060,196	9.4%
Fundraising .....	\$4,869,584	14.9%
<b>Expenditures Total .....</b>	<b>\$32,599,604</b>	
Net Income (Loss)* .....	(\$2,679,699)	

### Assets

Cash and Investments .....	\$14,677,288
Inventory .....	\$4,757,223
Right-Of-Use and Other Assets .....	\$1,950,657
Property and Equipment .....	\$7,849,381
<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b>\$29,234,549</b>

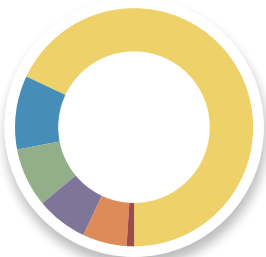
### Liabilities

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses .....	\$971,639
Lease and Other Liabilities .....	\$3,917,583
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>\$4,889,222</b>
<b>Net Assets .....</b>	<b>\$24,345,327</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets .....</b>	<b>\$29,234,549</b>

## FY23 PUBLIC SUPPORT

■ Individuals.....68%	■ Thrift Centers .....8%
■ International Partners .....10%	■ Foundations .....7%
	■ Businesses .....6%
	■ Churches.....1%

*\*The net loss is due to ministry spending of generous donor contributions received in prior years.*



# 2023 IMPACT



**2,877,484**  
people engaged in  
God's Word



**2,679**  
churches  
planted



**158,821**  
people trained to  
share God's Word

## WITH \$32,599,604, BIBLE LEAGUE...



**TRAINED 158,821** program facilitators to share God's Word



**SUPPORTED** planting **2,679** churches



**ENGAGED 2,877,484** people in God's Word



**UTILIZED 6,915,116** Bibles and biblical resources



**PROVIDED 17,130,616** resources online or through licensing



**SERVED 35,845** supporters in the U.S.



**SERVED 47** program partners and **79** licensee partners



**WORKED** on **11** active Bible translation projects



## GRATEFUL FOR YOU

MARY – New believer in Zambia

*"The gifts from you have helped transform my life and community by knowing the truth about Jesus. Your gifts of the Word of God have brought peace, unity, and spiritual motivation among community members."*

# 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

*Bible League's strategic initiatives focus on who we reach through our evangelism and discipleship Bible study programs (adults, children, and youth) and the additional ways we reach them (through Church Planter Training, Prison Ministry, and Bible-based Literacy). He has called us to share His Word and grow His Church. Together with you, we bring Him honor and glory as we serve Him around the world. Let's give God all thanks and praise for the great things He has done...*

- More than 40% of the nearly 2.9 million people reached with the Gospel were children and youth. Bible League's new *Discovery Series* materials were instrumental in reaching these young people.
- In Tanzania, Bible League-trained leaders reached more than 47,000 youth with the Gospel. In one town, Christians used school sporting events in their ministry. After playing sports like soccer and volleyball, students gather in small groups at lunch to study God's Word. Many were raised Muslim or with no faith at all. But thanks to your help, they now follow Jesus.
- The impact of Church Planter Training in 2023 is evidence of the growing global hunger for God's Word. Bible League-trained church planters established nearly 2,700 new churches, a 65% increase over 2022. Praise God! Most of these new churches were in Asia (1,335) and Africa (836).
- Church planters served people of all ages, especially children. They know that this is critical in reaching the adults in their communities. In Sri Lanka, church planters made a breakthrough in reaching workers from strong Hindu backgrounds. These new believers now want their own children to be firmly rooted in God's Word.
- Teaching people to read and write using God's Word offers a way to reach people with the Gospel who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to hear it. In 2023, Bible League-trained leaders in 16 countries used Bible-based Literacy to share the Gospel with nearly 49,000 people, a 34% increase over 2022.

## OUR PROGRAMS



**2,397,469**  
people participated in  
Bible League Bible studies



**431,056**  
people studied God's Word  
within the Church Planter  
Training program



**48,959**  
people were reached  
through Bible-based Literacy

Almost 28,400 of those reached were in eight Asian countries that fiercely oppose Christianity, including Bangladesh and India.

- God's Word touched the hearts and lives of nearly 130,000 inmates in 31 countries through Bible League's prison discipleship studies—a 32% increase over 2022! The 52 lessons specifically relate to those behind bars and are included in our easy-to-read prison Bible.
- The mayor of a violence-plagued city in Colombia recently heeded some important advice: "Look for people who teach the Word of God in dangerous neighborhoods, police stations, and prisons." He called Bible League. In response, three church planters shared the Good News with prison inmates there and planted several churches inside those prisons.
- In countries where Christians face persecution, God opened hearts to His Word and grew His Church. Nearly 875,000 people in 21 persecuted lands found hope and strength in the Word of God—222,000 more than in 2022.
- In Bangladesh, Hindu women from one Santal tribal community embraced the life-changing Word of God. Although they face intense opposition for their faith, God's Word has deeply affected their lives. Today, these women are steadily drawing closer to Christ. You're part of their stories...and so many more. Thank you!

# ABOUT BIBLE LEAGUE

## MISSION

Serving the under-resourced Church with Bibles and training to transform lives worldwide through God's Word.

## VISION

We desire to see thriving local churches around the world offering salvation, life change, and hope through biblically based training and resources that meet the spiritual, moral, and social needs of their communities.

## CORE VALUES

Prayer • Calling • Service • Unity • Integrity • Vision

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