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### ABOUT THE COVER

You have brought joy to the Maale people from Ethiopia by giving them God's Word in their heart language. In 2023, we joined forces with Davar Audio Bibles to bring oral narrations of the Bible in Maale to the South Omo region of Ethiopia. The Maale people (deeply rooted in agriculture, cattle herding, and beekeeping) are primarily illiterate, making it difficult for them to engage with the written Word. Together with your help, we provided the Maale people with access to the Word of God in their native language through 50 Pearl Player Audio Bibles. Thank you for giving the gift of God's Word to Maale believers and strengthening the local church.

To protect our friends and partners, identifying details throughout this report may have been subject to change where noted. Representative images may have also been used.

We appreciate your collaboration as we work to ensure the safety and protection of our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world.



# A Letter from our CEO, Ken Bitgood

In reflecting on the past year, one word encapsulates our journey at the Digital Bible Society (DBS): Connecting. It's been a year of witnessing God's hand weaving connections within our ministry; far beyond what we could have envisioned. These connections, fostered between people like you, have empowered donors to partner directly with national workers by supplying them with tools they need for disciple-making but could not otherwise afford. This synergy is enabling the free and widespread dissemination of Bible resources globally, touching countless lives.

In 2023, these connections enabled DBS to reach over 30 nations and over a hundred languages, delivering millions of Bible resources, including text, audio, and video formats. Our efforts spanned countries such as Pakistan, Nepal, Iran, Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq, Sudan, Mexico, Cuba, Colombia, Myanmar, Guinea, Ghana, Mozambique, and North Korea.

**"He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."**

Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)

Looking ahead, this year we are gearing up for expansive distributions of Bible content via MicroSDs, solar-powered audio players, and printed Scripture, potentially impacting millions. This is made possible by gathering Biblical resources from translators and content creators, then aligning these resources with the efforts of on-the-ground missionaries. Through this, DBS is honored to contribute to God's calling to make Scripture accessible worldwide.

Your partnership has been instrumental in this journey. In these uncertain times, one thing remains steadfast: God's Spirit is moving powerfully, drawing millions to Himself, particularly in the most challenging regions. We extend our deepest gratitude for your continued support through prayer and contributions.

We invite you to discover projects on page 10 that have not yet found donor support. If you feel called towards a Digital Bible Project, we encourage you to reach out and connect with us. Together, we can work to ensure that everyone, everywhere has access to the Word of God.



Ken Bitgood, CEO



## DBS TEAM

In 2000, witnessing the profound need for Biblical resources to strengthen persecuted believers, the Bitgood family set out on a mission. Since then, the Digital Bible Society has grown into a dynamic group

hailing from the USA, India, Egypt, Mexico and beyond. Fueled by an unyielding commitment to ensure the Bible reaches every person, everywhere, regardless of their mother tongue, the Digital Bible Society team is here to help you make Scripture accessible in the heart language of your community and people across the world.



# REVIVAL IN UGANDA

**"People are on fire for Jesus but illiterate.  
That's where you come in."**

**Matt Bullen, Mission Critical International**

Arriving at the village, Kintu\* carefully places the Pearl Player on an old tree stump. The Word of God, spoken in the local tongue, summons the villagers, who engage Kintu. They are eager to know more about this Jesus they have just heard of for the first time ever.

On June 11th, 2023, over 700 people were baptized after hearing the Word of God in their heart language. Aided by your gift of Pearl Players, the Gospel has spread like a forest fire, reaching the most remote and secluded mountainous areas of Uganda that had remained untouched by its message until now.

Kintu, alongside other devoted missionaries like Matt Bullen of Mission Critical International, fearlessly venture into the distant corners, where thousands can now hear and embrace the transformative message of the Gospel. All thanks to your gift of audio Bibles.

**\*Name changed for privacy**

Scan the QR code or follow the link below to watch an interview with Matt Bullen and hear the full story of Revival in Uganda.

<https://youtu.be/7pxaaUu0XC8>





# MAKING HISTORY IN THE HIMALAYAS

In 2023, you sent over 2 ½ million Biblical resources to Nepal, marking a historic moment as one of the largest distributions of God's Word ever recorded. Nepalese Christians responded by mobilizing hundreds of churches from diverse denominations towards a shared vision: to bring a Bible into every Nepalese home. This is a testament to their unwavering solidarity in the face of persecution.

Nestled beside the awe-inspiring Himalayas and the towering Mount Everest, Nepal's terrain is not the only intimidating aspect of its landscape. The nation harbors a long history of persecution against Christians, exacerbated by the enforcement of stringent anti-conversion laws since 2018. But the people are hungry for the Word of God.

As these 2 ½ million Biblical materials on SD cards and audio Bible players find their way into the hands of believers, their transformative impact goes beyond personal spiritual growth. It has inspired bold evangelism. For Nepalese believers, empowered by the Word of God in their language, the cost of spreading the Gospel pales in comparison to the eternal value of reaching the lost.

*"This is a very good tool for me nowadays – the SD card – very good. Before we used to give tracts, but this is for the modern age. They can't see what it is right away so they have to go and sit down with it. If we offer them a printed Bible, they don't like it. But with this, they take interest and tell us it is good."*

**Nepalese Christian**

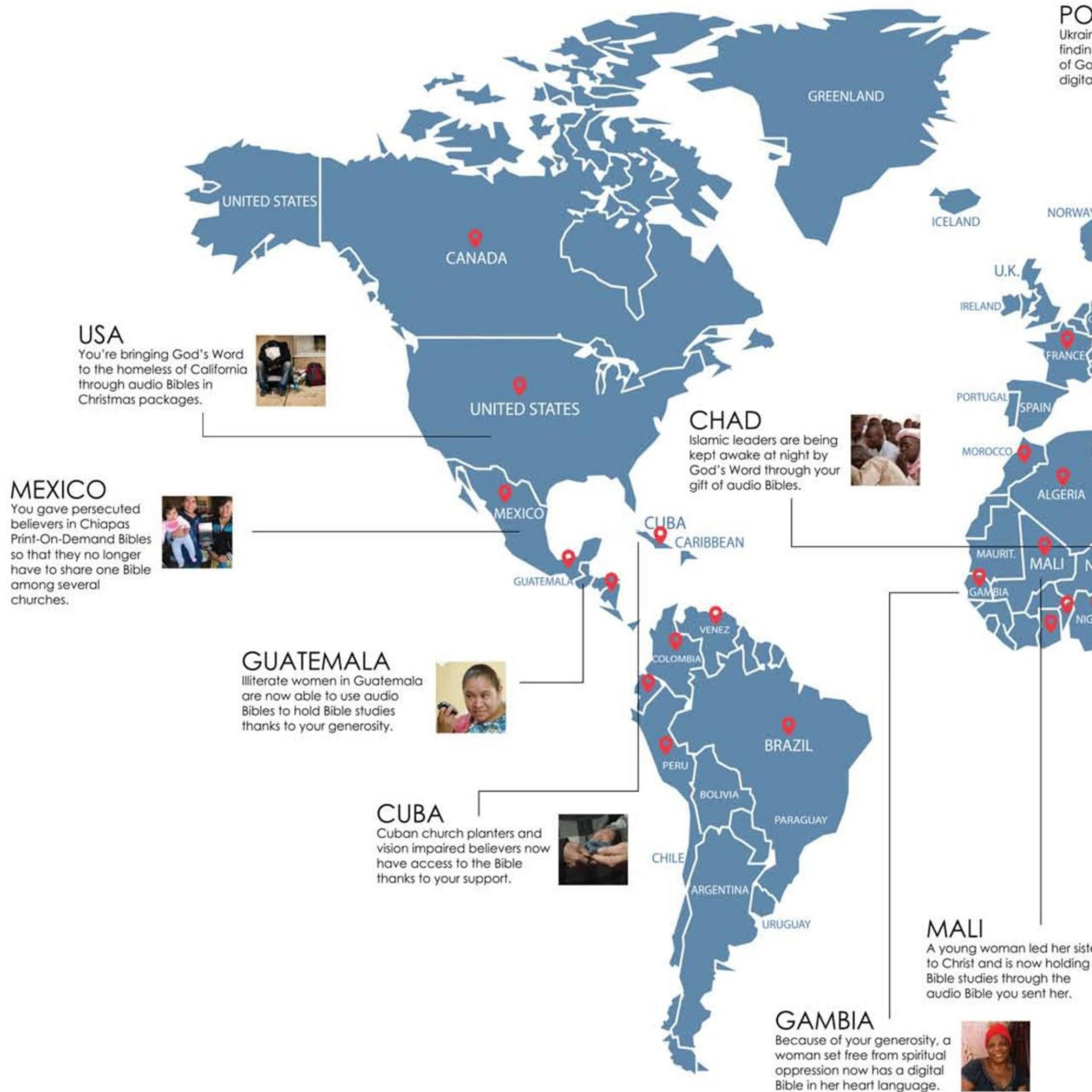
Scan the QR code or follow the link below to join our prayer list and stay up to date on the persecuted Church and the need of God's Word across the world.

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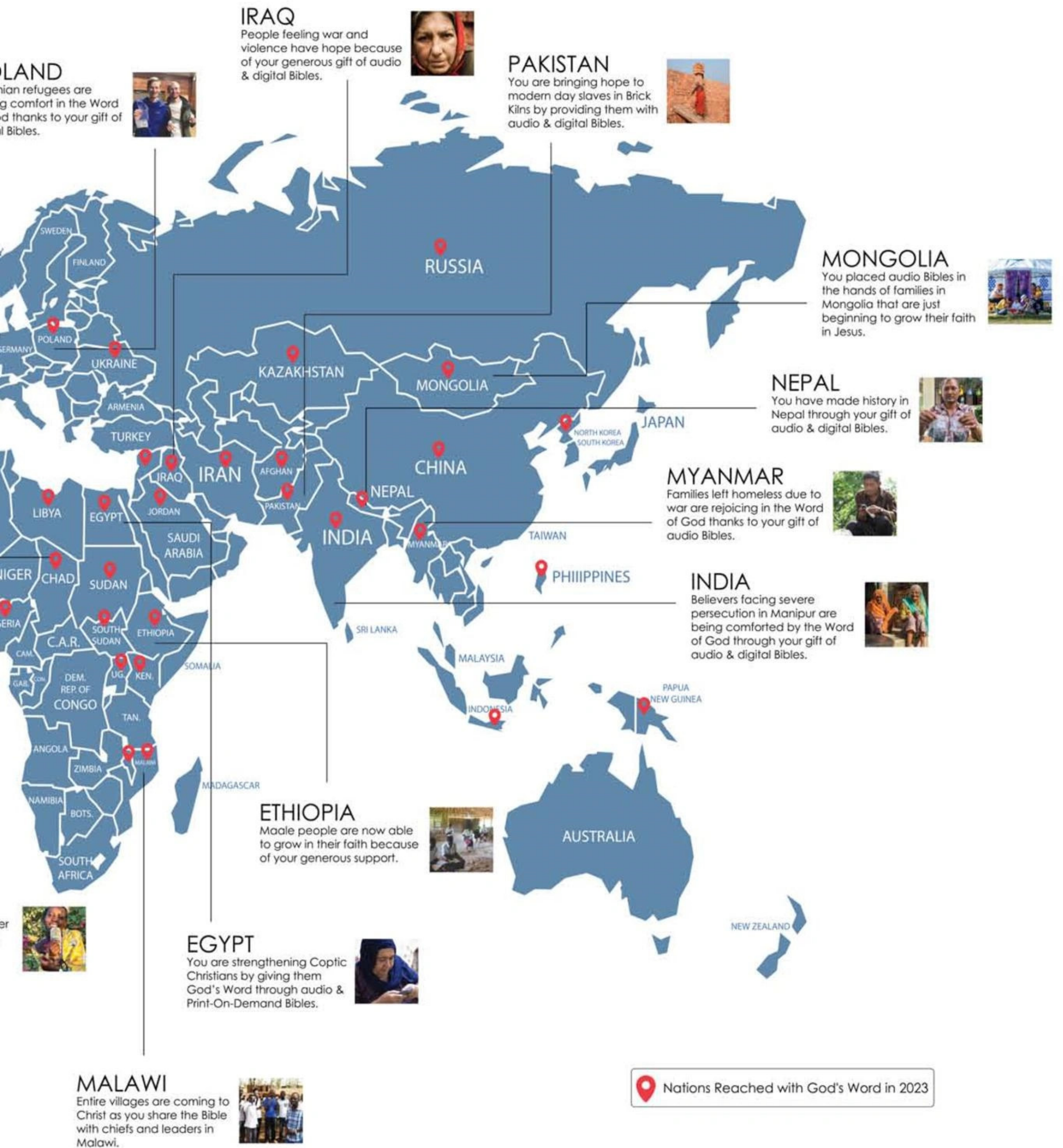


# Countries You Reached with DIGITAL BIBLE SOCIETY



"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord"





of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14



# STORIES FROM THE FIELD

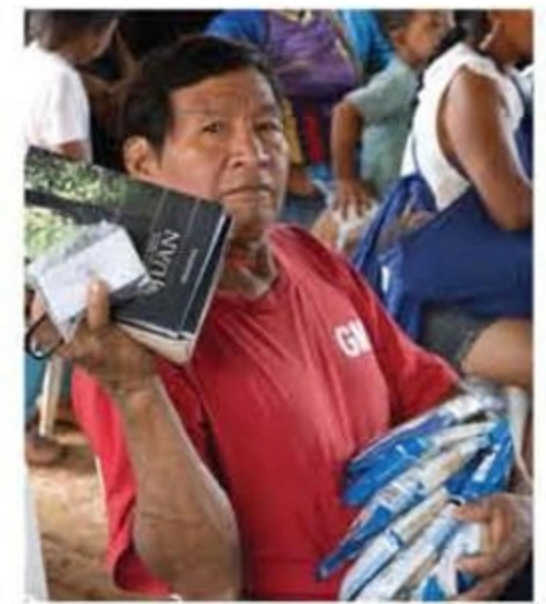
## Ecuador's Waorani

"Do you eat yuca?", asked Qemo, the pastor at Miwawuno, a small Waorani community in Ecuador's Amazon. It was a simple question, but it revealed so much about the impact of the Gospel on this man's life. When our friends from Alianza Bíblica Evangélica Latinoamericana (ABEL) first visited Miwawuno, Qemo sent them away, a spear in hand. However, this community is now experiencing a reawakening, visible in both their hospitality and joy at receiving God's Word.

With the help of Faith Comes By Hearing, LUMO, Jesus Film and ABEL, you have spurred on the reawakening of the Waorani's hearts for Christ by giving them digital, audio, and Print-On-Demand Bibles.

Now, Qemo walks up a small hill to the Miwawuno church building holding an audio Bible loaded with the Waorani New Testament in his hands. With a simple press of a button, the sound of the Bible in their native tongue can be heard throughout the small homes of the Waorani families, calling them to follow Jesus.

*Note: Yuca, a plant root, is a dietary staple for numerous indigenous communities inhabiting the Amazon Rainforest region.*



Top: Waorani Christians hear God's Word through a Pearl Player Audio Bible  
Bottom Left: A Waorani community lifts up Print-On-Demand Bibles & Pearl Players  
Bottom Right: A Waorani elder holds bags of rice, a Print-On-Demand Gospel of John, & a Pearl Player

## The White Mountain Apache of Arizona

At KNNB Apache Radio, Andrew's enthusiasm for the Print-On-Demand and Pearl Player Audio Bibles he possessed sparked a profound response. As he concluded his broadcast, two pastors eagerly awaited him, soon joined by several others. Yet, it wasn't solely clergy who sought him out; a woman, visibly moved, approached him trembling with emotion at hearing the Word of God in her native Western Apache language. With poignant sincerity, she expressed how listening to the Bible in her mother tongue held a depth of significance unmatched by English.

**"It is powerful to hear in my language. To hear in my language makes more sense. I understand better."** White Mountain Apache Woman

Your support has allowed Andrew to place the Bible in the hands of the White Mountain Apache in their heart language. They are now able to engage with the Word of God in a profoundly meaningful way. Thank you for making this possible.



Andrew, wearing a cowboy hat, and his children stand beside a White Mountain Apache man and his grandkids. The Apache man holds a Print-On-Demand & an audio Bible in his hand.



## Youth Fleeing Violence in Iraq

At eighteen, Hozan\* was kicked out of his parents' home for following Jesus. They burned his belongings and called him a disgrace. While on the streets, Hozan met a community of believers that offered him a home and family. Now, amidst war and extreme persecution, Hozan is using your gift of Pearl Player Audio Bibles and MicroSDs to share the Gospel.

**"There was this one guy - he was very hopeless. I gave him an audio Bible and when he heard, he sat down and just cried. It was very powerful how Jesus touched his heart,"** Hozan recounts about sharing the Gospel and a Pearl Player with a young man who had fled his village due to violent attacks.

Hozan stands as the first member of his tribe to follow Jesus. It has been four years since his family rejected him and he continues to pray for them to believe. Hozan plans to send his mother a Pearl Player through the mail, hoping that by encountering the Word of God, she too will come to faith in Christ.

\*Name changed for security reasons



## Brick Kiln Slaves in Pakistan

In 2023, you sent audio Bibles to Pakistan. Maahir\*, a modern day slave, wrote you a letter of thanks.

My name is Maahir\*. I work on a brick kiln, and since my childhood, I had a desire to read and understand God's word... I spent many years in hard work and struggles, but due to domestic issues, I couldn't pursue education, which led to illiteracy. Eventually, I gave up trying to learn and understand God's word.

One day, a Christian leader... informed us about an audio Bible that he brought for me. Upon hearing this, my heart rejoiced, and my hope was rekindled. He shared an important verse from 1 Corinthians 2:9, which states that God has prepared unimaginable things for those who love Him. This verse transformed my life, and I am grateful to the Lord that I now listen to the Holy Bible every day. I also go and share its teachings with others, making my life much better than before.

\*Name changed for security reasons



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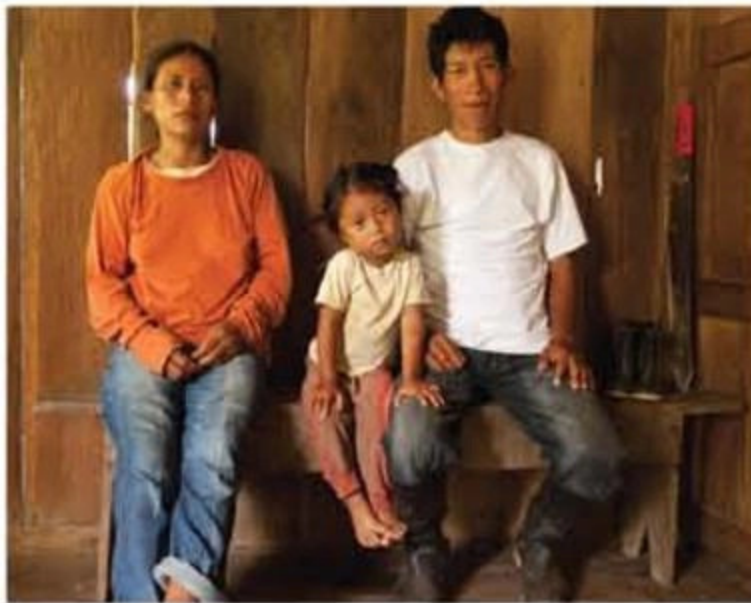
# Making Scripture Accessible

Through Digital Bible Projects, you can make Scripture accessible. Find out about people who are waiting to receive your gift of the Bible and support a Digital Bible Project today!



## **CHILDREN & SHEPHERDS IN SENEGAL** | PROJECT 3-4-004

- Children known as talibés who were sold to Muslim leaders and were severely mistreated are being rescued from the streets. They need God's Word.
- Shepherds have no opportunity for education. Carrying an audio Bible with them in the fields can fill their hearts with the hope of God's Word and transform their lives.



## **INDIGENOUS BELIEVERS IN THE AMAZON** | PROJECT 5-1-001

- Drug-trafficking and armed militia are taking over their land seeing Christianity as a threat to drug routes & revolutionary movements.
- Indigenous oral culture means that hearing the Word of God is the best way for Christians here to grow their faith despite great adversity.



## **PERSECUTED BELIEVERS IN INDONESIA** | PROJECT 1-4-001

- Living in the most populous Muslim country in the world, Christians here are under constant pressure to adopt Muslim rules.
- Disastrously high illiteracy rates leave Christians especially vulnerable and in need of audio Bibles.

You can make Scripture accessible. Donate today!

**\$25 provides a Pearl Player so that up to 4 people can have access to Scripture**

**\$40 gives a Pearl Player XL so that up to 150 people can hear God's Word**

Give Online: [www.dbs.org/donate](http://www.dbs.org/donate)

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To give God's Word in Senegal, the Amazon or Indonesia, reference the corresponding project numbers in your donation.

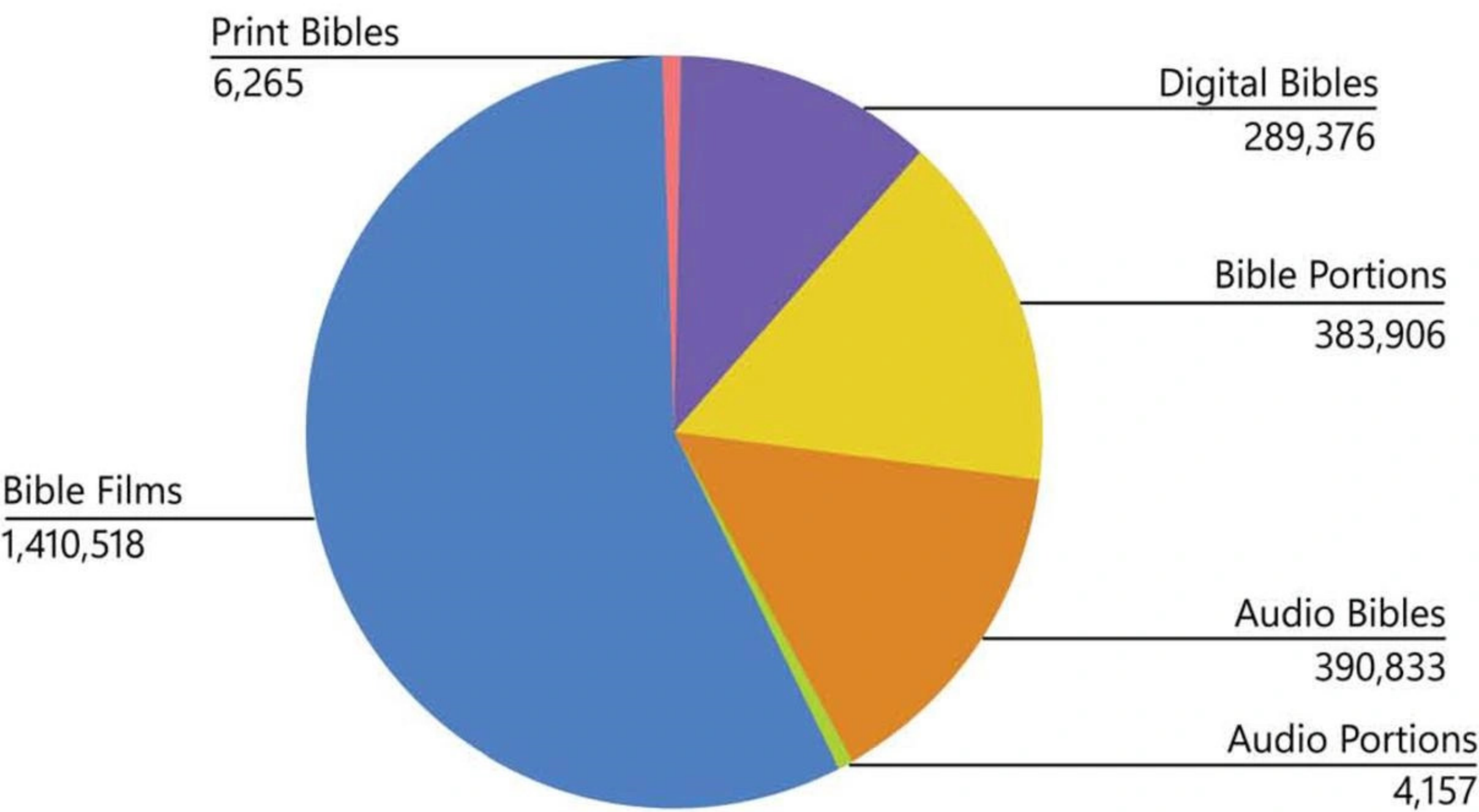
To find out about people in other nations who are waiting for the Bible visit:  
<https://dbs.org/about/projects/proposals>



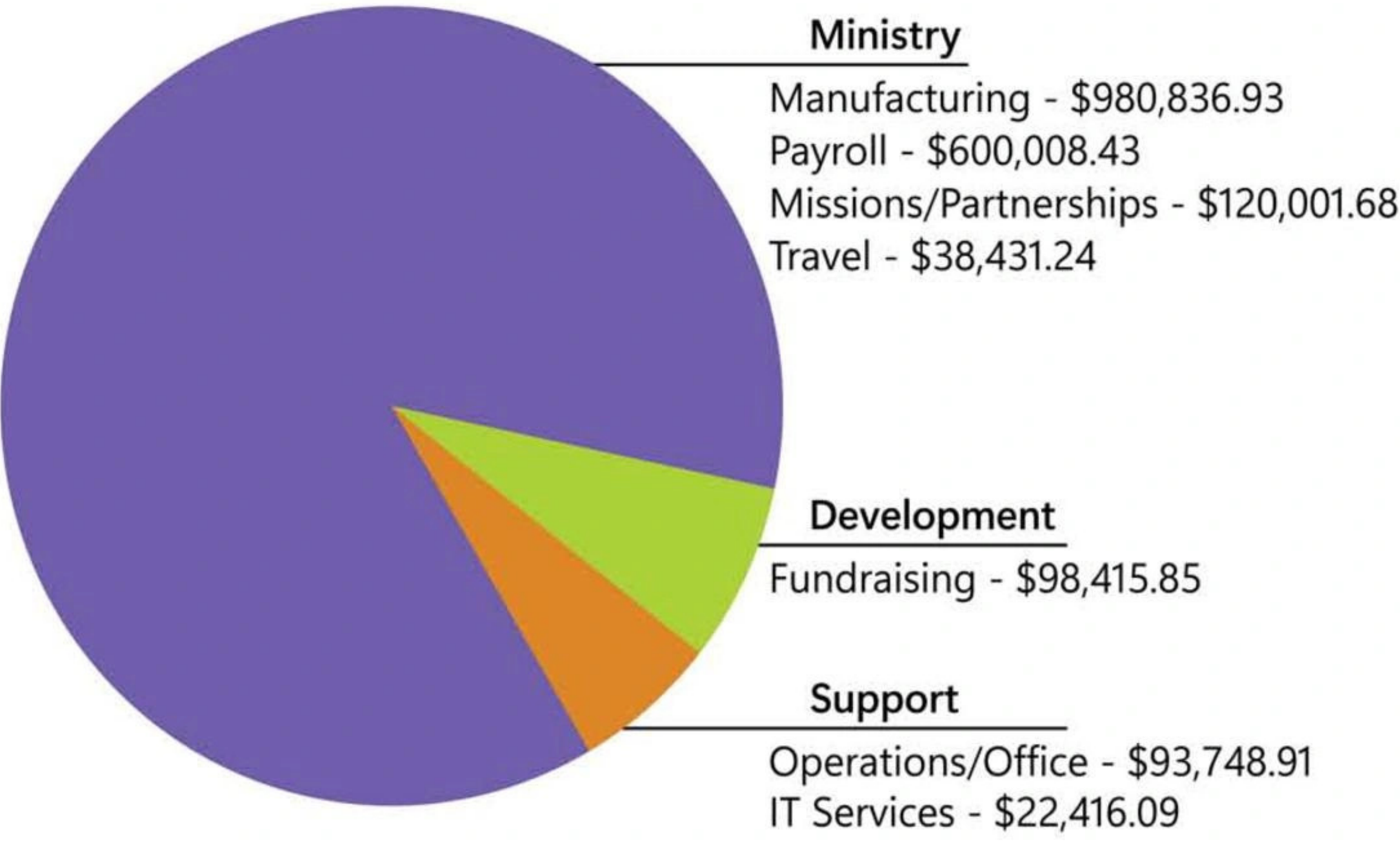
# Stewardship

Your Investment Translates into Hundreds of Thousands of Bibles Sent Worldwide

## 2023 RESOURCES DISTRIBUTED



## 2023 EXPENSES



Total 2023 Resources Distributed: \$1,953,859.13



# ABOUT US

As a registered non-profit 501 (c)3 ministry, Digital Bible Society is dedicated to Making Scripture Accessible to all. By fostering collaboration among Bible publishers, translators, content creators, donors, and Christian workers globally, we ensure that God's Word is easily accessible to those who need it most. Harnessing the power of the digital revolution, we believe God is equipping the Body of Christ with unprecedented resources for advancing discipleship, evangelism, and church planting. Join us on this exciting journey of making Scripture accessible to everyone.



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