

# TALKING BIBLES

INTERNATIONAL



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2025**



## Dear friend of Talking Bibles,

Once again, it's time for our annual report—a chance to pause, look back, and give thanks. While this season includes reports and numbers, it's really about something much deeper: **lives being changed, the Gospel being shared, and God's Kingdom continuing to grow.**

In much of the world where we serve, life is lived communally. Families gather, and villages function together. In these environments, one Talking Bible rarely impacts just one person—it often touches an entire community. **God's Word is not read silently in isolation**—it is played aloud, heard by neighbors, shared among families, and becomes the center of conversation.

Earlier this year, in a small Maasai community near Lake Manyara in Tanzania, a single Talking Bible became the heart of a weekly gathering. Families who had never heard Scripture before sat together, listening intently. They shared what they heard with neighbors and friends, and soon the gatherings began to grow. **The impact of that one Talking Bible spread throughout the community.**

Time and again, those who receive a Talking Bible—many of whom cannot read and would be overlooked by the world's standards—become bold advocates for Christ. They share what they have heard, testify to what Jesus has done in their lives, and simply by pressing “play,” they become messengers.

**There is a ripple effect:**

**One Talking Bible** becomes many listeners.

**One listener** becomes a witness.

**One transformed life** touches an entire community.

Stories like these happen every day in villages around the world because of your prayers, generosity, and faithfulness.

On behalf of everyone at Talking Bibles International, thank you for being part of this ministry. Your partnership reminds us that God's work is never done alone. Together, we are helping bring His Word to every village, every community, and every heart—one Talking Bible at a time.

With gratitude,

Paul D. Hoekstra  
President, Talking Bibles International



# A Bible They Can HEAR

## Giving God's Word to non-readers.



An estimated **400 million people worldwide** cannot read the Bible in a language they understand.

Without a way to read Scripture, families and communities are left waiting—not for a printed Bible, but for a way to hear God's Word in their own language.

**Talking Bibles make that possible.**

Shared in homes, villages, and communities, these audio Bibles allow non-readers to hear Scripture for themselves—bringing **hope, faith, and transformation** wherever they go.

**In 2025, this mission reached more people than ever before.** God's Word is no longer limited to the printed page. It is **heard, shared, and lived.**

# WORLDWIDE IMPACT

## Broadcasting God's Word in South Sudan

**Through Talking Bibles and radio broadcasts, communities are uniting to share Scripture, foster peace, and bring hope to every corner of Bor and beyond.**



The **Talking and Radio Bible program** was launched in Bor, South Sudan, in partnership with Radio Jonglei 95.9 FM, marking **the first time a local radio station in the country began broadcasting Scripture** in local languages. Church leaders, community representatives, and government officials from the Dinka, Nuer, and Anyuak communities gathered to receive training, Talking Bibles, and radio sets. *By combining portable audio Scripture with radio broadcasts, the program ensures that God's Word can be heard in homes, churches, and entire communities.*

**In a region deeply affected by conflict and ethnic division, the response was overwhelming.** The event fostered interaction among the ethnic groups, with people expressing joy at being brought together to exchange cultures. Participants described the Talking and Radio Bible as a source of peace, unity, and spiritual renewal, emphasizing that the Gospel offers hope where political efforts have failed. The shared experience of listening to Scripture together fostered new relationships across ethnic lines and sparked a strong call to expand the program into rural villages across South Sudan. This launch demonstrates the powerful role audio Scripture plays in healing hearts, restoring communities, and bringing lasting hope through God's Word.

*"Everyone cannot read or write because they did not go to school or are visually impaired. So having the audio Bible broadcast on radio will cultivate a spirit of peace and reconciliation," Deng said. "Our message is that all our nine counties should benefit. I also appeal that more radio sets and Talking Bibles be brought to be distributed to the visually impaired because they need the Bible the most."*

## A Great Work Begins: Bringing God's Word to Pakistan

In Pakistan, a local pastor has begun sharing **Talking Bibles in Urdu**, bringing God's Word to communities with great spiritual hunger. So far, **67 Talking Bibles** have been distributed. Requests for additional Talking Bibles are already coming in. The pastor reports, *"Many people were very happy and grateful to receive the Word of God. We also had a beautiful time of worship, and the Lord touched many hearts."* The growing demand from families and villages shows this ministry has **tremendous potential to reach many more hearts**. While we cannot share pictures from the area, **please pray for all those stepping out in faith to share and receive God's Word.**

## Reaching the Borana Southern Ethiopia



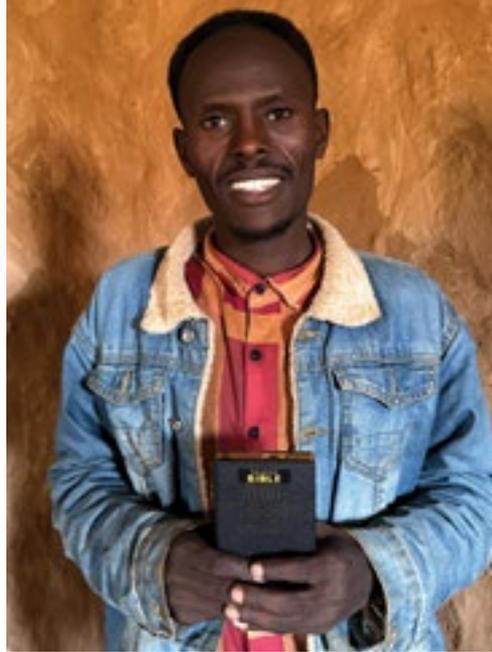
“Now we are seeing those who cannot read are learning and understanding more than those who can read. The Talking Bible is capturing the minds of the people. **They listen in the house and under the shade of the trees.** They converse easily about spiritual things.” — Wario

Through the Talking Bible, **non-readers are engaging deeply with God’s Word.** People are listening wherever they are—at home, under trees, or wherever they gather—and are able to discuss spiritual truths freely.

The program is also reaching those who cannot come to church, such as the sick and elderly, ensuring that God’s Word touches every corner of the community.

Evangelists are seeing the impact firsthand, using the Talking Bible to share Scripture with non-believers, who then **listen eagerly and discuss what they’ve learned with the evangelists**, creating a ripple effect of faith and understanding.

With the continued distribution of Talking Bibles among the Borana, more communities are being equipped to **hear, understand, and live out God’s Word**, even in remote areas where literacy is low. Your support ensures that **everyone, regardless of age or ability to read, can encounter Scripture and grow in faith.**



# TANZANIA SCHOOLS.

## Reaching Students and Communities with God's Word

Thanks to your generosity, God's Word is reaching **every corner of Tanzania**. What began as a focused effort in select regions has grown into a **nationwide movement**—equipping teachers, strengthening churches, and bringing Talking Bibles into classrooms across the country.

In 2025, more than **390,000 lives were touched by a Talking Bible**, and **over one million students** are now participating in Bible listening classes. For many, it was the first time they truly heard Jesus' message in a way that speaks to their hearts.

Equipping local churches with Talking Bibles creates a ripple effect, spreading faith and hope far beyond the classroom.



## The Ripple Effect of Talking Bibles in Tanzania

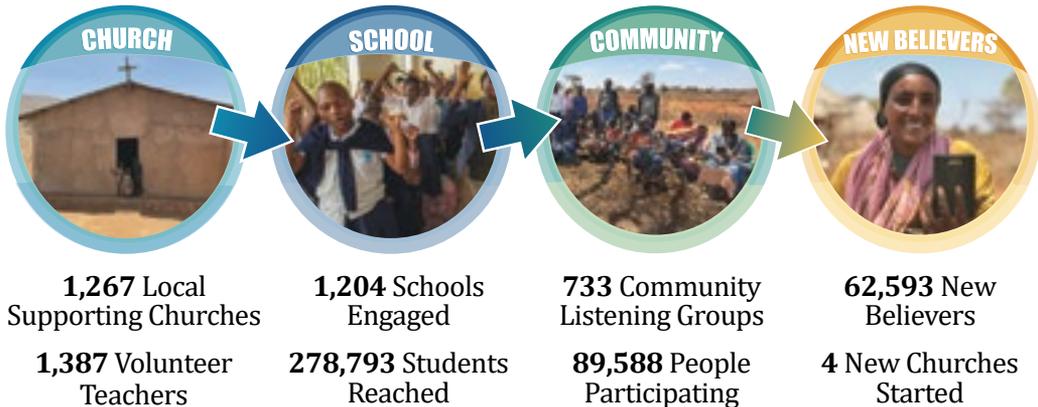
How God's Word multiplies through schools, churches and communities

**390,515 New People Reached in 2025**

Through Bible listening in schools and community groups across Tanzania

## The Ripple Effect Over Time

On average, one Talking Bible reaches **126 people**



Cumulative impact since the program launched in 2024

Since the Program Began in 2024:  
**1,186,720 People Have Engaged with God's Word**

**9,216 Talking Bibles Distributed**

**10,306 Listening Groups Formed**

**1,066,619 Students Reached**

# ... AND BEYOND



Shown above, volunteers gather to learn, worship, and enjoy meaningful fellowship in **teacher training sessions**. By the end, they are fully equipped to confidently share God's Word with students through the Talking Bible, inspiring and impacting lives in meaningful ways. Each teacher multiplies impact, inspiring students to grow spiritually.



***"With the Talking Bible, our Religious Education class is now full of eager students—even those without a church background. Attendance has soared, and students who were once quiet are now actively sharing and engaging with God's Word."**—Godfrey Volunteer Teacher*

***"We need this program, as the Talking Bible helps us study the Bible and draw near to God. The Talking Bible explains everything to me in a way I can understand. In the past, when I read the Bible, it was not easy to understand, but now I can listen and understand it clearly."** —Hans age 16*



## **The Community Ripple**

In Katavi, a boda boda driver received a Talking Bible and within weeks, drivers were gathering to listen, sharing it with their families, and asking for more. One leader said, **"They are loving this time focused on God's Word—even their families are noticing!"**

By mobilizing churches, equipping teachers, and empowering communities, this initiative is **moving forward. Your prayers, generosity, and partnership make this movement possible**, planting seeds of transformation that will ripple through schools, homes, and villages for years to come.

# INDIA

## God's Word Heard in the Midst of Persecution

### Expanding Access Across India

In communities where life is lived together, **one Talking Bible rarely impacts just a single person**. It is played aloud, heard by neighbors, shared among families, and becomes the center of conversation, curiosity, and faith.

**Thanks to your support**, Talking Bibles are now present in every state and most districts across India—bringing God's Word to hundreds of thousands of non-readers who otherwise would have little or no access to Scripture.

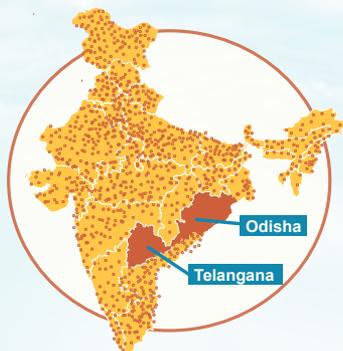
Building on this momentum, we are mobilizing a growing network of volunteers to distribute 1,000 Talking Bibles in each district—reaching even more homes, workplaces, and remote villages. These efforts move us closer to our vision of reaching every village by 2033.

### THANKS TO DONOR SUPPORT IN 2025



**10,000**  
TALKING BIBLES  
FUNDED!

**120,000 +**  
NEW LIVES  
IMPACTED



- **Full district coverage** achieved in Odisha and Telangana
- **Talking Bibles** now present in every state and most districts

**To date: Over 1 million people reached in India**

**Vision:** 1,000 Talking Bibles in every district

**Goal:** Reach every village by 2033

### COURAGE IN THE FACE OF PERSECUTION

**This work does not come without challenge.** In many regions, believers face increasing pressure and opposition. Distributing God's Word can carry personal risk. Those who faithfully place Talking Bibles often do so quietly and courageously, trusting the Lord to protect both the messenger and the listener.

Even in areas where faith in Christ is resisted, **Talking Bibles are breaking barriers**—giving non-readers and believers alike access to Scripture in homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, and villages.

*"So many have received the light of God's Word, and that light inspires them to tell and teach others—transforming families and communities."*

—Talking Bibles Partner



# Hearing God's Word in Bihar

In a small village in central Bihar, Devi, a mother of three, is slowly **becoming a believer** through listening to God's Word.

Four months ago, a local pastor placed a Talking Bible in her hands. Her entire family—**her father, husband, and children—cannot read**. Until that moment, Scripture had been closed to them.

Now, their home is **filled with the sound of God's Word**.

Not everyone welcomes this change. Some relatives and neighbors are curious, but most openly mock her. Yet Devi responds with grace: *"They speak this way because they simply do not know our God."*

Before receiving the Talking Bible, her family lived in constant unrest—spending what little they had on rituals to their old gods, facing frequent sickness, and never finding lasting peace.

Today, she speaks with quiet confidence:

*"The greatest change is that I know I am a child of God.  
The Bible teaches all truth and good things."*

In a village where no one in her household can read, **God's Word is now heard daily**—bringing peace, faith, and hope even in the face of opposition.

## Prayer Focus

- Pray for protection, boldness, and wisdom for those distributing Talking Bibles.
- Pray for open hearts among those who receive them.
- Pray that families and villages across India will be transformed through hearing God's Word.

# YOUR GIVING AT WORK IN 2025

## OVER 525,000 NEW PEOPLE REACHED WORLDWIDE

Our fiscal year runs from **October to September**, and thanks to your generosity, we received over **\$2.6 million in donations**.



### IN 2025, YOU HELPED FUND:

- **AFRICA: 10,000 Talking Bibles**  
Helping provide access to the Gospel for more than **400,000 new people** through Listening Groups, schools, and villages.
- **INDIA: 10,000 Talking Bibles**  
Helping provide access to the Gospel for more than **120,000 new listeners** among persecuted Christians, families, and communities.
- **WORLDWIDE: 377 Talking Bibles**  
Helping provide access to the Gospel for an additional **5,000 people** across multiple countries.

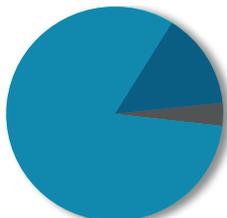
**Your gift of a Talking Bible** spreads God's Word far and wide—touching families, communities, and villages. **Thank you for making this possible.**

**As we look toward 2026**, the need for audio Scripture continues to grow. Requests for Talking Bibles are increasing across Africa, India, and other regions where literacy, persecution, and isolation remain barriers. Together, we will continue meeting these needs, bringing Scripture to those who have never heard it before and helping more people encounter God's Word in a life-changing way.

### INSPIRED BY REAL LIVES CHANGED

*"I absolutely love how you share testimonials from real people who have received Talking Bibles. Hearing these stories inspires us and reassures us that the money we give is truly reaching its intended recipients—and that very good things are coming from it." —Talking Bibles Partner*

### TALKING BIBLES IS 100% DONOR FUNDED. THANK YOU!



- **81% Ministry** - Manufacturing, loading, and placing Talking Bibles.
- **15% Development** - Sharing the ministry with others; fundraising and advertising.
- **4% Administration** - Handling of recordings, copyrights, and overseas distribution.



Talking Bibles International is an ECFA-accredited 501(c)(3) charitable organization. We depend entirely on God's people to fund and support the ministry.

# MORE WAYS TO HEAR AND SHARE GOD'S WORD

## FREE ONLINE BIBLE LISTENING [talkingbibles.org](http://talkingbibles.org)

Our free online Bible listening platform gives people who cannot read, are visually impaired, or prefer to listen, the opportunity to hear Scripture in over 50 languages.

### What Listeners Are Saying:

*"I have been listening online for several years now, I am legally blind and this service is excellent. Thank you and God bless the ministry of Talking Bible."*

*"I'm using your website to help me read my Bible—and it's working! I've already gone through it twice"*



[Listen Now!](#)

[Free Audio Bible Online](#)

### 2025 Website Stats:

- Visitors from **139 countries**
- Scripture heard in **59 Languages**
- Over **1.5 million minutes** of Scripture played

### Top Languages:

- English • Dinka Bor • Khmer
- Anuak • Hebrew



## PARTNER STORE [TB2U.com](http://TB2U.com)

*In 2025, over 4,700 Talking Bibles were purchased and shared worldwide.*

Talking Bibles created TB2U.com to make it **easy for anyone to purchase a Talking Bible** for personal use or ministry. With over 2,000 languages available, you can give a Talking Bible—whether to a grandparent losing their vision or on a mission trip to Haiti—and make a lasting impact. A portion of every purchase also supports the Talking Bibles ministry, helping even more people hear Scripture for the first time.

### A Talking Bible Brought Light—and Life

During a missions trip to a remote area of Haiti with no electricity or running water, I noticed many people could not read. After learning about Talking Bibles, I brought Haitian Creole Talking Bibles on my next trip.

A local pastor distributed them to those who needed to hear God's Word. One elderly, sick man had given up hope, saying, *"I'm just waiting to die."* The pastor prayed with him and left a Talking Bible, showing him how to use it and recharge it in the sunlight.

Three days later, the man ran to the pastor and said, ***"I listened to the Bible day and night. I want to live now. I want to live for God!"***

Since then, I've shared Talking Bibles in multiple languages around the world. They are a powerful tool for bringing God's Word to those who need it most. —Talking Bibles Partner



# Thank you!

**Your prayers and generous support** have helped place God's Word where printed Bibles cannot go. Because of you, people are hearing Scripture, growing in faith, and finding hope through Jesus Christ.

Each Talking Bible reaches far beyond one person—into families, neighborhoods, schools, and entire villages. This life-changing work is possible because of faithful partners like you. **Together, we are helping the world hear God's Word—one life at a time.**

Last year, we invited you to share why you support Talking Bibles. Here are some of the inspiring responses we received:

*"Jesus reached those who were seeking, downtrodden, forgotten, desperate, and on the fringe of society—and Talking Bibles continues that work today."*

*"Talking Bibles opens the door wide to Jesus' promises by giving people His Word in their own language."*

*"What better way to share the Good News than helping people hear God's Word in their own language?"*

As we reflect on this year, we are grateful for you—and for every life touched by God's Word. **Thank you!**



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