

Strengthening Our Troops

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Today and
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The Power of God's Word in their Pack!

We can't thank you enough for helping us reach poor and illiterate people with God's Word in audio. Because of your help, New Testament recordings are available in more than 650 languages for people in every country in the world!


Now, we also have opportunities closer to home. Our sons, daughters, spouses, and neighbors have left our communities to serve on military missions far away, and we pray for their well-being and safe return. With your help, we have sent several hundred thousand Military BibleSticks to chaplains all over the world to share with these troops.

Are the BibleSticks making a difference? The thousands of testimonies we've received say overwhelmingly, "Yes!" As one soldier put it, *"It reinforces my faith and strengthens me during times when I am lonely, which seems a lot, during deployments."*

Many of our soldiers are on their third, fourth, and fifth deployment, which can result in increased emotional, physical, and spiritual stress. Most of us can hardly imagine what that must be like. That's why we're committed to making Military BibleSticks available to chaplains and troops as long as they request them.

We are focusing this entire newsletter on this special outreach to our troops and again, say **thank you** for your support of Military BibleSticks to help the troops through their days with the power of God's Word in their pack.

A Servant of Christ,



Morgan Jackson
Senior Vice President

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Reaching This Generation of Heroes with God's Word in Audio!

In 2007, a Marine chaplain and several soldiers took Faith Comes By Hearing's white BibleStick on deployment. While they were blessed by using it, they were concerned about the high visibility of a white device in the field. In response, Faith Comes By Hearing designed the special Military BibleStick that meets deployed military specifications.

Since then, thousands of churches and individuals like you have provided funds to put **more than 210,000 Military BibleSticks in our troops' hands!** Many of the 1,100+ chaplains who have received BibleSticks consider them the **best resource they have to minister** to our young men and women in uniform.

Why? Many of today's troops don't have time to read, or find themselves in situations where they can't read. But they can **listen to God's Word almost anywhere, anytime!**

There is news of troop draw-downs, but many of our troops continue to deploy to Afghanistan and other areas in the world. **With so many troops on multiple deployments, the need for more Military BibleSticks is greater than ever.**

What an honor we have to provide our brave men and women in uniform with the **hope and comfort of God's Word in a format they will use** –

THANK YOU for your support!



THE MILITARY **biblestick**

- » a **portable, digital audio player**, pre-loaded with the complete Audio Drama New Testament
- » designed in a **matte-black case** with a red operational light to ensure safe use in the field
- » **small** enough to fit into a cargo pocket
- » **rugged** – comes with a waterproof plastic bag
- » **strong** enough to withstand tough weather conditions
- » includes reply card to request **free Audio Bibles for family**

Actual size



GOD'S WORD: Their refuge and strength

Thanks to your amazing generosity, more than 210,000 service members have a daily reminder that our God is **"our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."** – Psalm 46:1

"It enriches my mind and soul; it humbles me. I use it for strength and guidance."**"** – Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army

"It has been a blessing to listen and calms me to be still and know that He is God." – Commander, U.S. Navy

"I love listening to the Word of God. It helps me to stay strong." – Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps

"It has helped remind me that I have a Father who loves me and to live with joy."**"** – Specialist, U.S. Army

"It provides me comfort and helps ensure my faith."**"** – Chief Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force

"I am on my sixth deployment and have been so blessed by this gift. [We] have endured many trials and it's been through God's mercy and His Word that we still stand." – Lt., U.S. Army

"It has allowed people who are very special to me to grow in faith and knowledge." – Hospital Corpsman, U.S. Navy

"Words cannot describe how close I feel to Christ. My eyes, heart, and soul are open and I'm understanding now what before I found confusing."**"** – AMT, U.S. Coast Guard



Chaplains are grateful for your support

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Dear Faith Comes By Hearing,

As my tour in Kuwait comes to an end, I wanted to personally say "Thank You" to all of those who have and will continue to support the troops in the Middle East. The digital Military Biblesticks you have provided are being distributed to the men and women serving within all the branches of our military. Without your support, we would not be able to provide such a service to the personnel traveling through this installation. We are grateful for people like you who take time and money to support us. Your contributions are a blessing to us all.

Sincerely,

Chaplain Assistant
SGT, U.S. Army



"...this is an outreach that is changing the lives of young men and women who may or may not make it back home."

- Dr. David Sparks

Brave Young Warriors

Flat Rock Pentecostal Holiness Church, Mount Airy, NC



When Dr. David Sparks, pastor of Flat Rock Pentecostal Holiness Church, and a Vietnam veteran, first saw a Military BibleStick, he thought, "Wow, I can't believe this little thing! I wish I had one of these when I was in service!"

Pastor Sparks' church participated in the Military BibleStick program and raised money for a company of 100 soldiers. But he didn't stop there. He shared about the Military BibleStick everywhere he went – his local VFW, a U.S. LST (Landing Ship, Tank) Navy convention, in his nationwide *Chaplain's Corner* column for fellow LST members, and with neighboring pastors. This started a chain reaction: he was featured on the front page of the newspaper, interviewed by the local radio station; several VFW's, VVA's, and American Legions donated; dozens of churches participated; and neighboring church, Flippin Memorial Baptist, held a concert to raise money.

These efforts combined **raised enough for over 700 BibleSticks**, and Pastor Sparks plans to keep sharing everywhere he goes. He says, "It's very heartening as a pastor and a veteran to know that this is an outreach that is changing the lives of young men and women who may or may not make it back home. This has had a profound effect upon so many in the military. **I have not seen a more worthwhile way to bless these wonderful young Americans standing watch over us.**"



For more information on how your church can get involved in this ministry to the troops, call Faith Comes By Hearing at 800.545.6552.



Linda and Carey Brown

Strategic Giving: Blessing our troops with God's Word

Carey and his wife, Linda, are long-term friends and supporters of Faith Comes By Hearing. They were some of the very first donors to fund Military BibleSticks. Their generosity helped us get initial units out and raised awareness about the project. Carey writes:

“...many of our military are faced with the realization that they can meet their maker at any time.”

Thank you for the opportunity to share what your ministry means to us. We are grateful for the opportunity to have provided at least 3,500 Military BibleSticks. We enjoy helping the VERY PEOPLE who are fighting and enabling us to enjoy all of our freedoms. Also, many of our military are faced with the realization that they can meet their maker at any time. This makes them consider God more intently than a person enjoying comfort and safety.

My earthly father is a Korean War veteran who led me to my heavenly Father when I was twelve years old. I have enjoyed giving to ministries since I was thirteen.

Malachi 3:10 says, *‘Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.’* My life and ministry is simply a testimony to the faithfulness of God. I can assure you that this is true!

I am a founder of *Covenant Values Foundation* whose goal is to give away a billion dollars in fulfillment of our mission which is to: ‘Maximize the growth of the Kingdom by helping the least of these and fulfilling the Great Commission, through strategic giving.’ FCBH is a very strategic partner in us reaching this goal.”

We are so blessed to have many partners who, just like the Browns, understand the eternal value of investment in the Kingdom of God.

– Morgan Jackson, Faith Comes By Hearing



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