

Hearing with the Heart...



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Hearing God's Word.

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God's Word For ALL People

Dear Friends,


We can never say “thank you” enough for standing with us to help reach the world with God’s Word. People in virtually every country in the world are listening to the Bible in their own language! And, with your prayers and support, the Lord is leading us into areas we never dreamed of. Last newsletter we introduced Virtual Recording – this newsletter we introduce “hearing with your heart” – **Deaf Bible.is**.

It started after one of our regional managers shared his burden for the world’s Deaf population with us. **We were amazed at the sheer number of Deaf people in the world – estimated at over 300 million! More significant was learning that less than 2% know Christ.** As troubling as this was, we wondered what we could possibly do – after all, we are known as an Audio Bible ministry.

But soon **God led us to the realization that true “hearing” doesn’t really take place with the ears as much as with the heart.** At the same time, we were expanding the Bible.is app to include video content, and suddenly everything made sense. We could use *Bible.is* as a means of getting sign language Bible videos to Deaf people all over the world!

We want to introduce you to the fourth largest unreached people group in the world – the Deaf community – and share with you how we can partner in prayer and giving to reach them with the Gospel in their own heart language.

A Servant of Christ,


Morgan Jackson
Senior Vice President

P.S. Be sure to watch the enclosed DVD and meet JR. Here he is ministering to deaf children in Ethiopia.



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Life-Changing Testimonies

Deaf

“I want to thank you for this wonderful application for the Deaf people. I’m glad to see that Deaf Missions was willing to let the Deaf have access to the ASL Video Bible for free. Now we



are praying for more Deaf sign languages to have their own Video Bible and then maybe their own application like this someday. Again, thanks and we will get the word out about this application for the Deaf.”

Bible.is

“Been reading and listening to the **Bible.is** app on my phone. I have tried many times before but would give up because reading’s not my thing. But now, I’m in the book of Joshua and so far, what an amazing book. I put on my head phones and it reads to me while I’m working. It’s wonderful and I can’t wait to hear more. Thank you **Bible.is!**”



– Melinda

“Can’t sleep, head hurts. Tired of the news all the time. Actually have enjoyed relaxing to this app at night.”

– Brian



Military

“It brought peace while preparing to deploy. It will bring peace while I am deployed.”

Petty Officer First Class, U.S. Navy

“It has helped me keep focused on God’s Word through tough times.”

First Sergeant, Army Reserves

“Through listening and prayer, I can keep my sanity.”

Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army



International: Cambodia

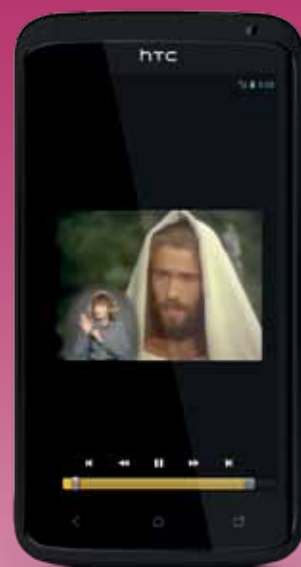
Orphaned boys from a boys’ home and discipleship center are listening to the Mini Proclaimer. These boys were introduced to a Heavenly Father who will never leave them nor forsake them. This center also conducts weekly outreaches in Phnom Penh and the provinces of Cambodia to minister to farmers, as well as to those working as slave laborers, breaking rocks in a mountain quarry.



Deaf Bible.is: Hearing with the Heart

“In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book...” – Isaiah 29:18

The **Deaf Bible.is** app includes the entire New Testament and portions of the Old in American Sign Language (ASL), and combines close-up, color video featuring skilled signers with linked segments of the *JESUS* film.



Listening may include the ears, but true **“hearing”** is always a matter of the heart.

Millions of people around the world are listening to God’s Word in more than 715 languages – and now the Deaf can “hear” through the **first-ever video-based Bible app – Deaf Bible.is!**

Did you know the Deaf community is the fourth largest unreached people group? Unseen, often hidden in their communities and denied normal social interaction, only 2% of the world’s estimated 300 million Deaf have embraced the Gospel.

But we can change this! There are at least 400 distinct sign languages around the world. We are working with international partners to add additional sign language Bible videos to our Deaf Bible App, opening the door for millions of lives to be transformed as they experience life, hope, and peace through God’s Word!



“What a blessing to bring the Bible to Deaf and hearing impaired people seeking God’s Word.”

*“I am a Christian single mom of a 17-year-old deaf son. He has grown up in the church all of his life. **He is profoundly deaf and I’m sure will be very excited about this new app for folks like him!** I just wanted to say a HUGE THANK YOU! There are no Deaf around our area, but he knows and uses ASL (we all do). THANK YOU for caring for him!! It means the world to me, as his mom!”*

*“I am here to tell you that **Deaf Bible.is is so wonderful...** Thank you so much!”*



Gale and Patsy Griffith

Trust His Word Then Follow

For more than eight years, Gale and Patsy Griffith have faithfully partnered with Faith Comes By Hearing to provide the Audio Bible to people all over the world. Having experienced the Lord's faithfulness in their own lives and business ventures, they are now eager to help others hear God's Word.

After coming to the Lord, Gale bought four small Bibles, one for himself, one for his wife Patsy, and two for their sons. Though finances were tight, they put all their trust in the Lord. Gale said, "I jumped for excitement when I read Matthew 6:25-33, where Jesus promises that all of our needs will be taken care of if we first seek the Kingdom of God." Over time, God's promises flourished in their household. They were blessed mightily and now give freely as the Lord leads them.

One afternoon about eight years ago, Gale was surfing the Christian channels on TV. "I stopped on God's Learning Channel where Jerry and Morgan Jackson were talking about Faith Comes By Hearing," he said. "I'd never heard of this ministry, but I started listening about how they were sending Proclaimers to Africa and around the world. The Holy Spirit spoke clearly that I was to support this organization, though I'd never known about them."

The Griffiths started faithfully supporting Faith Comes By Hearing programs every month, and additionally sponsored BibleSticks for the military.

"Then," Gale said, "I heard from the Holy Spirit that I was to sponsor a language recording. I was led to the Kinandi language in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and God said, 'That's the one.'"

Gale and Patsy were obedient. They sponsored the Kinandi New Testament recording and the first 50 listening groups that will follow.

"I can hardly wait to hear the testimonies of the people when the language is heard in the country!" exclaimed Gale.

If others want to give, Gale says, "If God leads you a certain way, don't shy away from it. Trust in His Word and His leading."

People from the Democratic Republic of the Congo will soon hear God's Word in Kinandi.



Getting to know Gale and Patsy has been a real joy! Like so many of our partners, they are a tremendous encouragement to this ministry as they stand with us through prayer, financial support, and telling others about us!



Michelle Seymour
Faith Comes By Hearing



"The church was praying for the needs in many countries..."

- Village Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, OK

A Legacy Through Partnership



Pastor Jimmy Kinnaird

Leading people to become consumed by the love of Christ."

This is the vision of Village Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, a congregation that seeks to share what God is doing and that is grateful to be part of fulfilling the Great Commission. They're involved in their local community and support worldwide outreaches, partnering with missionaries in several countries, including a mission team in Cambodia.

Pastor Jimmy Kinnaird heard about Faith Comes By Hearing while serving in another church. Shortly after coming to Village Baptist, he talked to his congregation about the possibility of ministering to an entire people group by partnering with a group that provides the Word of God in audio.

His message encouraged the congregation to action. The church was praying for the needs in many countries, but when they realized the vast number of unreached people groups in

India, they recognized that they were to reach out to India, and that Hindi was the language the Lord wanted them to support. They also chose to partner with Faith Comes By Hearing for a new audio-based project.



Village Baptist will hold a dedication service when the new Hindi New Testament recording is released, and hopes to send a team to take Hindi Audio Bibles to India. Pastor Kinnaird says the key is to start somewhere and be open to opportunities. He says through partnerships, the door can open to changing lives and creating a lasting legacy for the Kingdom of God.

NOW *and for* ETERNITY



LEAVE AN IMPACT THAT WILL LAST FOR MANY YEARS!

Your support of Faith Comes By Hearing is such a testimony!

Why not let your testimony continue after you are with the Lord by including Faith Comes By Hearing in your will or trust?

- ▶ Leaving a legacy is very simple
- ▶ Your will or trust documents remain in your control
- ▶ You have control of your life savings to use when needed

Why include us in your will? After you have gone to your eternal home, your legacy gift will continue to impact lives here on earth by enabling others to hear the Word of God in their own language!

We would love to assist you without charge or obligation and can provide helpful information for you and your attorney to review for your will or trust.



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