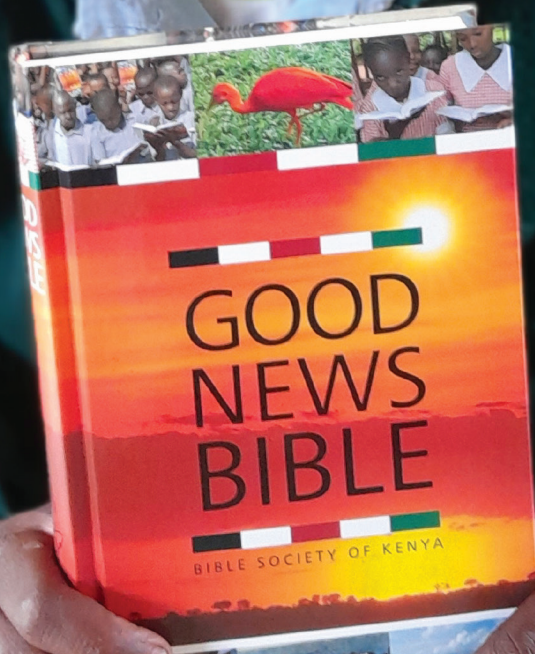


Stewardship

2021

“Yes,
Jesus
Loves
Me!”



AMERICAN
BIBLE
SOCIETY





“In the same way let your light shine in front of people. Then they will see the good that you do and praise your Father in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:16

A YEAR OF IMPACT

📍 Bangladesh

181

Bible Translations Funded

2.1M

Precious Scriptures Provided

26k

Wounded Hearts Healed

309k

American Heroes Strengthened



Stewarding the Gift of God's Word

“Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well.”

— 1 Peter 4:10 CEV

Dear Friends,

“Use your gift well.”

That's how the Bible defines stewardship in 1 Peter 4:10. Simple yet challenging! As you might guess from the title of this report, *stewardship* is a responsibility we take very seriously here at American Bible Society, especially with 223,000 faithful Christ followers like you helping us invest an incredible \$110 million in Bible ministry during our 2021 fiscal year.

We praise the Lord for your outpouring of generosity! Your sacrificial gifts of love would have amazed us in a normal year, let alone amid the uncertainty of a global pandemic. Thank you for trusting us as your partners in gospel ministry.

And look what God did with the gifts you gave! Through Bible translation and provision, unreached people groups have now been reached with the good news of God's love and salvation. Through Bible-based trauma healing, people in crisis encountered a God who is near to the brokenhearted. Through our Armed Services Ministry and Faith and Liberty Initiative, our nation has been called to walk according to the lamp of God's Word once more.

As you read through the big numbers in this report—nearly two hundred Bible translation projects funded, thousands of trauma healing groups conducted, millions of Bibles provided, and *over a billion people* reached with the gospel—you'll also come face-to-face with the first-person testimonies of individual lives changed, all made possible through your passionate prayers and generous giving. Because of your gifts of love and through the work of the Holy Spirit, people from all around the world can now declare:

“Yes, Jesus loves me—the Bible tells me so!”

So thank you, dear friend, for being such a faithful steward of one of the most wonderful gifts that God has entrusted to you: the precious gift of his holy Word. Let us celebrate together as we look back on this year, for God has done great things!

Yours in Christ,



Robert L. Briggs
President and CEO

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2021: God Was Faithful!

>> *The Lord led us through many ministry milestones this year thanks to **YOUR** prayers and support. We look back and give him praise and glory for his faithfulness.*



African Women Devotional Bible Completed

Completed on March 8, more than 280 women from 26 countries contributed to this culturally relevant study Bible for African women.

Trauma Healing Research Study Released

A Baylor University research study released on March 30 confirmed the healing power of Bible-based trauma healing for jail inmates in the U.S.

Massive Support Raised for Bible Translation

From April 7-10, ministry and financial partners raised \$84 million for Bible translation at the 2021 illumiNations gathering.

New State of the Bible Survey Unveiled

Launched in May, our 2021 survey revealed that 95 million Americans are curious about “test driving” the Bible for the first time.

Faith and Liberty Discovery Center Opened

After a grand opening on July 3, this Philadelphia attraction is now championing the Bible’s influence in America.

Remote People Reached with the JESUS Film

In August, our End-to-End ministry partners announced that 1.2 million people experienced the JESUS Film last year.

One Million Bibles Shipped to African Nations

On October 5, financial and ministry partners gathered to commission one million Bibles in seven different languages for 29 African countries.

Warfighter Study Bible Published for the Military

Published in November, this new flagship resource will help troops, veterans, and military families dig deeper into the rich soil of God’s Word.





God's Word for the Unreached

>> With more than a billion still waiting, **YOU** are helping unreached people read, understand, and apply their very first Bibles.

YOUR IMPACT THIS YEAR

181

Bible Translations Funded

1.8B

People Given Greater Scripture Access in their Language

2.1M

People Received Their Own Bible

318

New Languages Given Digital Scripture Access



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Name: Timothy

Country: Vietnam

Background: Translator for the Tai Don New Testament



“At the moment, our congregation as well as many other ethnic groups are using Vietnamese to worship. But we are looking forward to the day when we will use our own language of Tai Don to pray, sing, and read Bible passages aloud in church. This will surely help eliminate the barriers in the mind of those who have not yet believed and encourage them to learn more about the faith.”

When the translation is completed, our community can listen to God's Word in Tai Don, and they will have the feeling that Jesus is speaking in their heart language.”

“The Bible will no longer be a foreign book, but our book!”



God's Word for People in Crisis

>>
 Trauma isolates us from God and others.
YOU are helping people in crisis experience
 God's healing love through the Bible.

YOUR IMPACT THIS YEAR

1k

Healing Groups
Conducted

26k

Wounded Hearts
Healed

4k

New Leaders
Trained

81

Countries
Reached

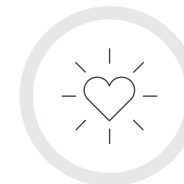


IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Name: Pierre

Country: Burundi

Background: Recipient of the
Kirundi Bible



“
 I had a grudge against my neighbors who had taken all of my property by force under the pretext that I am an orphan with neither parents nor siblings to defend me. To be honest, I couldn't get rid of that grudge. I hated them too much.

But after I was given a Bible and began reading the Word of God, something started changing in me. The Word transformed me. I felt more love within me. I decided to forgive my neighbors. They recognized that they were wrong, and they humbly asked for forgiveness.

I thank God for the reconciliation which transformed my life through the Word of God.”

“The Word transformed me.
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YOUR IMPACT THIS YEAR

170k

Service Members
Engaged with
God's Word

111k

Veterans Sought
Healing in the Bible

23k

Military Spouses
Studied Scripture

4k

Children and
Parents Reached
through New Hero
Squad Program

IN THEIR OWN WORDS



Name: Mrs. Williams

Country: United States

Background: Army and Hero Squad Mom



God's Word for American Heroes

» We're on a mission with **YOU** to help brave Military heroes and their families discover the strength that comes from God alone.

I can't thank you enough, American Bible Society, and all who have made the wonderful Hero Squad gift box program happen! Bible verses from these devotions are really having an impact on my 11-year-old. He created and led a worship service for our backyard Vacation Bible School, he's stopped and prayed with random people, and he's more interested in understanding God's Word than ever before.


My younger children are also growing. They still argue like crazy, but I've noticed kinder words being used and more grace being shown. Most importantly I've seen and heard them reminding each other of the Scriptures. Wow! No other devotion has done this! Our youngest just turned three and received her Hero Squad box this past week. She's been carrying the Bible everywhere.

It's so wonderful to be able to sit down as a family to read the Scriptures and do activities that truly help our kids become better, godlier people."

"My 11-year-old son is more interested in understanding God's Word than ever before!"



God's Love to the Ends of the Earth


 Our alliance of Bible Societies in 240 countries is one of the world's largest global networks. **YOU** are a critical member of this fellowship!

YOUR IMPACT THIS YEAR

191M

Scriptures Distributed by United Bible Societies in 2020

1M

Bibles for Africa Project Launched in 2021

\$4M

Emergency COVID-19 Support Raised Globally

37

Struggling Bible Societies Sustained




IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Name: Anatoly Kirillov

Country: Moldova

Background: Bible Society General Secretary and Recipient of Emergency Funding




 During these difficult times, when the whole world is in crisis, your financial support is like ventilation equipment. Just as people who fall seriously ill with COVID-19 need ventilators to help them breathe and recover to return to their normal lives, this financial support will help us to keep going and return to our activity as soon as possible.

For us, receiving the funding literally means surviving. The consequences of not receiving funding from the Solidarity Fund could have had disastrous effects not only for the Moldovan Bible Society, but for the Moldovan community. They would not have had access to the Bible—the living Word of God.

To us, you are our heroes, and we thank you for helping us meet the challenges of this moment, so we can continue to provide Bibles for our community.”

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United States of America

Thanking God for Our Faithful Partners

With so many worthy causes in this broken world, thank **YOU** for choosing to share the good news of God's love where it is needed most.

YOUR IMPACT THIS YEAR

\$51M

Given by American Bible Society Partners

220k

Partners Made a Financial Gift

58k

Partners Made a First-Time Gift

35k

Partners Have Committed to Pray for our Ministry



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Name: Sarah Ward

Country: United States

Background: American Bible Society Financial Partner



The strongest way for people to follow Jesus is to be able to read the Bible for themselves. Through all these years and all these attacks against the Bible, God has preserved it.

Now it's our opportunity to get it to everyone.

Stewardship is a very important part of our Christian life, and it's not just with money. We all have things we can improve. We are all to be stewards. Adam and Eve were given that job, and they goofed it up—and we're goofing it up even more! Being a bystander and simply reading about what's happening is not what God wants for us. The Christian life is lived in action words, and one of those action words is to give.

What better organization can we give to than one that is going to get God's Word into people's hands?"

"Stewardship is a very important part of our Christian life."

Financial Report

2021 JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021

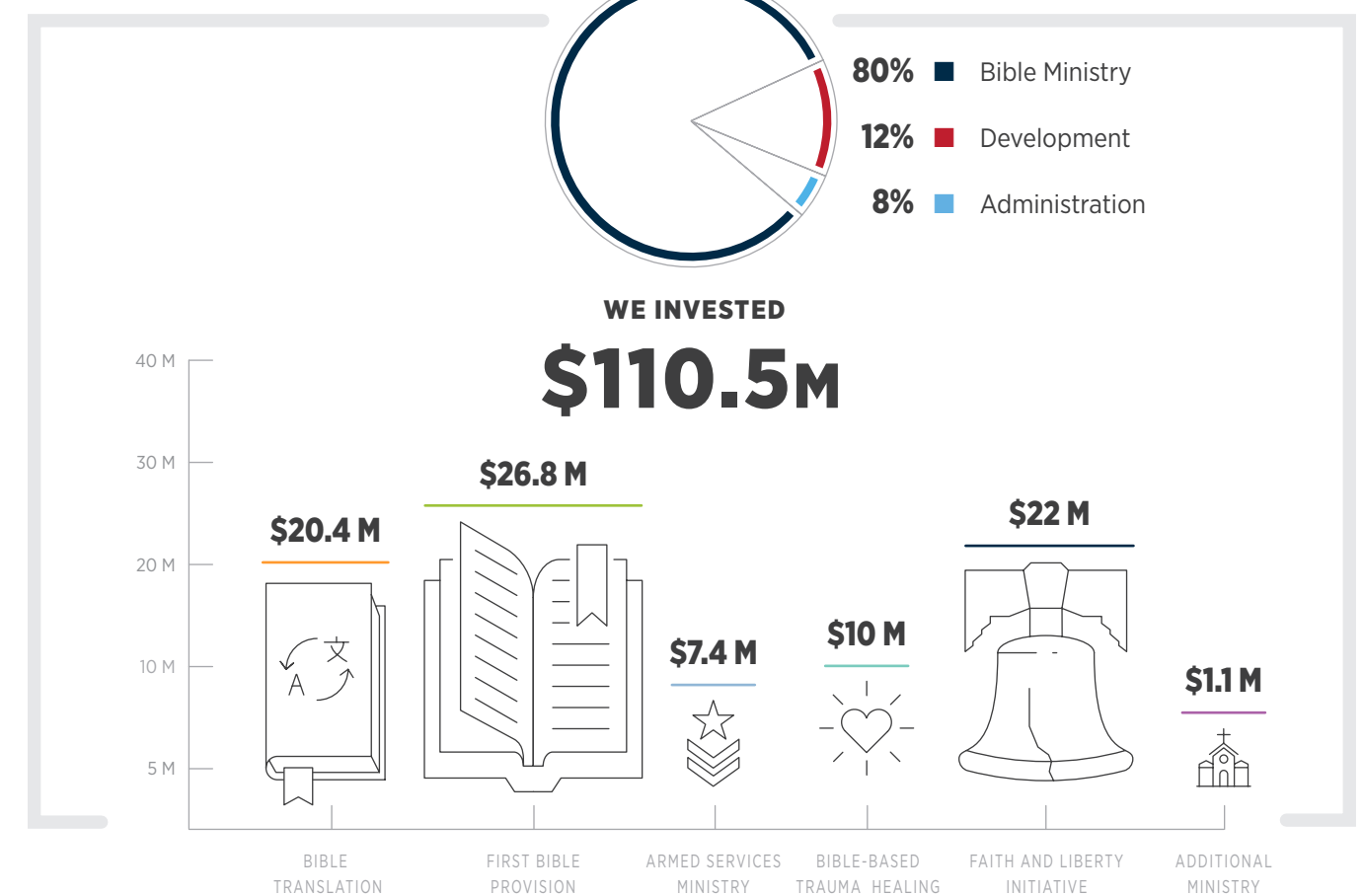
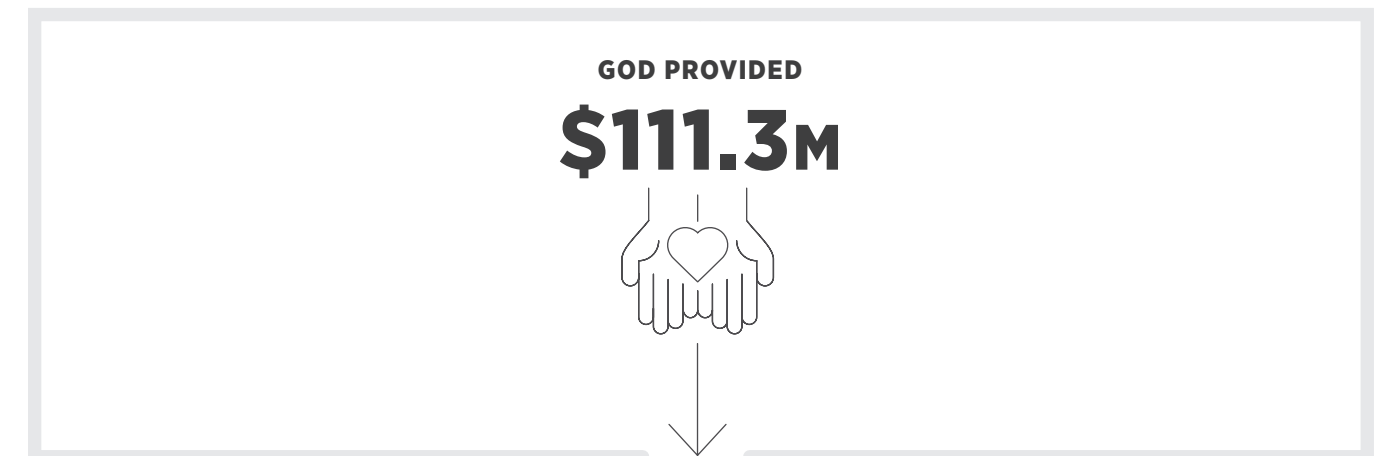
YOUR GENEROSITY (MINISTRY RESOURCES)

Direct contributions	46.1 M
Funds deployed from long-term investments	54.1 M
Planned gifts	5.1 M
Scripture sales	3.9 M
Other	2.1 M
Total	111.3 M

OUR COLLECTIVE IMPACT (MINISTRY INVESTMENTS)

Bible Ministry	87.7 M
Bible Translation	20.4 M
First Bible Provision	26.8 M
Armed Services Ministry	7.4 M
Bible-based Trauma Healing	10.0 M
Faith and Liberty Initiative (Construction and Programming)	22.0 M
Additional Ministry	1.1 M
Development	13.6 M
Administration	9.2 M
Total	110.5 M

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



Our Leadership

SENIOR EXECUTIVE TEAM

Robert L. Briggs, *President and CEO*

Ovidio Alfaro, *Senior Vice President of Administration and Operations*

John Clause, *Senior Vice President of Ministry Advancement*

Nicole Martin, *Senior Vice President of Ministry Impact*

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MAKING THE BIBLE AVAILABLE TO EVERY PERSON IN A LANGUAGE AND FORMAT EACH CAN UNDERSTAND AND AFFORD, SO ALL PEOPLE MAY EXPERIENCE ITS LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGE.

***For the earth shall be filled with the
knowledge of the glory of the LORD,
as the waters cover the sea.***

HABAKKUK 2:14

